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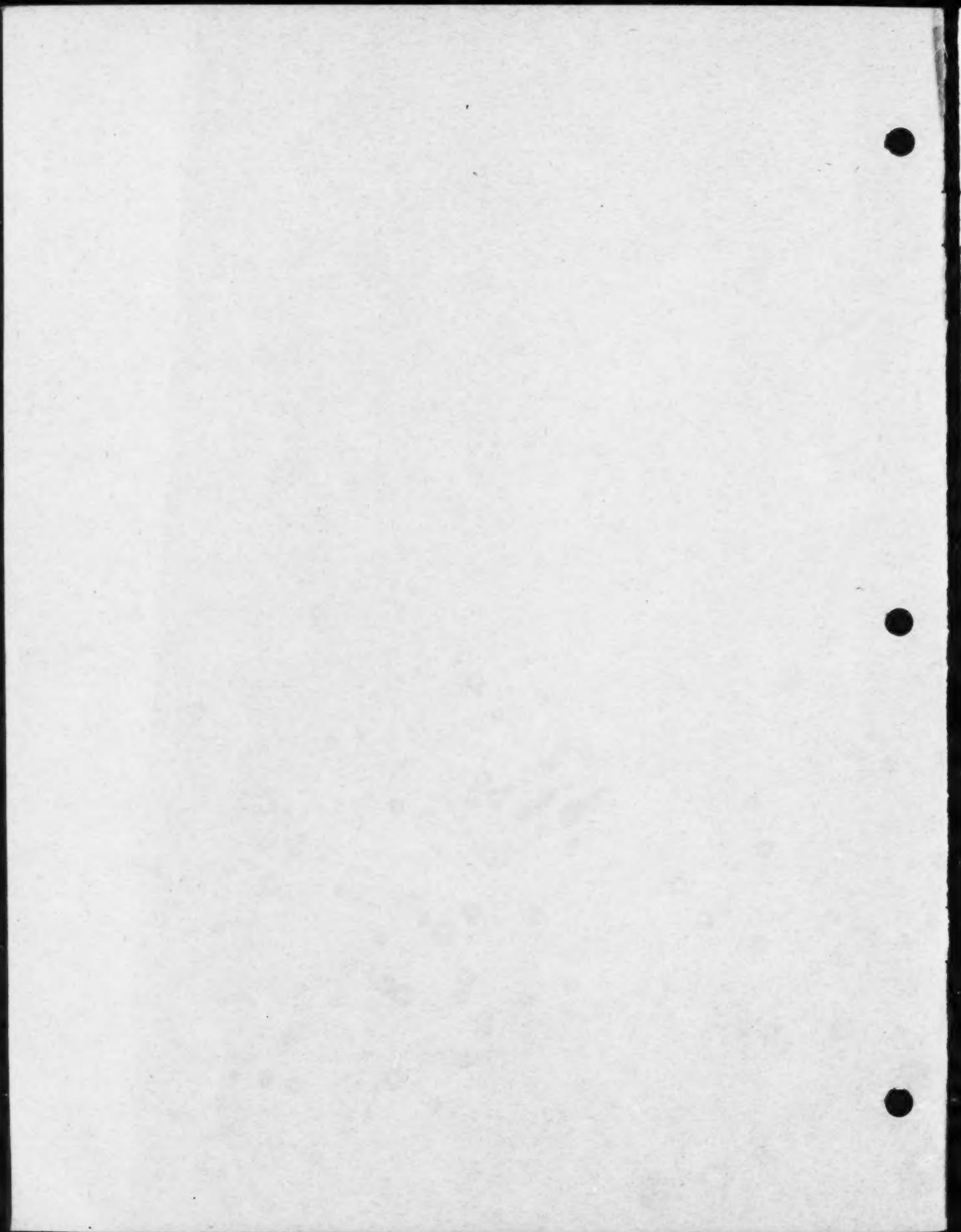


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## SOME DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GRAY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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## PREFACE

Anna Harrington Warner was born 24 Feb. 1886, Mound City, Kans., died 23 Sept. 1945, Stoneham, Mass., granddaughter of Electa Conkey Gray, daughter of Eli Gray, No. 36 in this genealogy. In tracing her Gray ancestry, Mrs. Warner found very little published material about the family and some of that very sketchy. She therefore decided to collect material which could be the basis of a John Gray Genealogy. Because of her interest, she was elected President of the Gray Family Association of Templeton, Mass., which office she held at the time of her death.

The following material is based largely on town records, vital and historical; land and probate records; cemetery, census, pension, and family records. Some interesting discoveries were made. One published account states that the early records of the town of Bridport, Vt., were burned but Mrs. Warner found that the Town Clerk still had them. The Town Clerk of Salem, N. Y., told Mrs. Warner that the early records of the town had been sold to a private collector but she found them in the State Library in Albany.

Acknowledgment is made of the help given Mrs. Warner by the following people: Perry Darwin Gray, who died in Coldwater, Mich., 13 Aug. 1949, grandson of Eli Gray, No. 80; Fred Joel Gray, grandson of Truman Gray, No. 88, who was living in Irwin, Mo., in 1944, and had the genealogical records of his brother, Norman Clay Gray, who died 8 Oct. 1926, Chicago, Ill., author of "Ancestors and Descendants of Barber and Uel Gray", 1915; Mrs. Nellie Gray Elder, who died 23 Jan. 1942, Amherst, Mass., granddaughter of Amos Gray, No. 105; Lucy Alden Gray of Ashfield, Mass., granddaughter of David Gray, No. 83; and Mrs. Ruth Thayer Ravenscroft of Colorado Springs, Colo. M. D. Raymond's "Gray Families" also has some material about the Worcester Grays.

There were at least three separate Gray families among the Scotch-Irish who settled in Worcester, Mass., between 1718 and 1730. These were the families of John Gray, Matthew Gray, Sr., and William Gray, Sr.

John and wife Elizabeth Gray were parents of Matthew, Jr.; John, Jr.; and Samuel and, very probably, also, of Mary; William, Jr.; Robert; James; and Sarah.

Matthew Gray, Sr., and wife Joan were the parents of Matthew, 3rd, and very probably of Robert of Western (now Warren), Mass., Jemima, Jane and, perhaps, Margaret. Matthew was a weaver and Charles Nutt in "Worcester and Its People", 1919, states that he was probably a brother of John Gray.

William Gray, Sr., and wife Margaret were parents of Hugh and William, 3rd, and perhaps others. Known descendants settled in New York State and Kalamazoo, Mich.

All places named below are located in Massachusetts unless otherwise noted.

I. 1. JOHN GRAY, b. ab. 1660, near Londonderry, Northern Ireland; probably died between 4 Apr. 1739 and 18 Aug. 1740, Worcester; m. ELIZABETH ----, who d. after 1 July 1730, probably at Worcester.

John Gray's ancestors are said to have been in Perthshire in 1300 and to have emigrated from Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1612 to the North of Ireland. In addition to other troubles, the winter of 1717-18 in Ulster was very trying with much sickness. As a result, four Presbyterian ministers, with portions of their congregations, determined to emigrate to America. A communication, dated 26 Mar. 1718, asking for "suitable encouragement" was addressed to Gov.

Shute of Massachusetts. The communication, signed by 319 men, including two John Grays, is now in the possession of the New Hampshire Historical Society at Concord. Our John Gray is said to have been one of those who signed the Gov. Shute communication but land records show that neither John nor his wife Elizabeth could write.

The family came to America with those who landed in Boston on 4 Aug. 1718 and settled in Worcester where, on 7 Oct. 1718, John Gray purchased for 300 pounds, lot No. 64 of 30 acres, with dwelling house, located in the north part of the town in what is now Holden. William Blair, who was very probably his son-in-law, witnessed the deed. He was elected one of the first Board of Selectmen on 30 Sept. 1722 and his name appears in the town records until 1733 when he occupied the "fore seat" in the church. He and his wife Elizabeth deeded land to their son John on 1 July 1730. This is the last record found of Elizabeth. On 10 Mar. 1736-7, John Gray and Hugh Kelso purchased land in the south half of Worcester. His son John signed a deed on 4 Apr. 1739 as John Gray, Jr., and on 18 Aug. 1740, the son signed another deed without the Junior. The father probably died between those dates.

On 7 Jan. 1723-4, John Gray sold land and one-quarter of his rights in undivided lands to Matthew Gray who, on 25 Aug. 1739, sold the land which was "mentioned in a deed from my father John Gray". John Gray deeded land and three-quarters of his rights in undivided lands to William Gray on the same day as the deed to Matthew. Later William exchanged some of this land for land of John, Jr., and on 3 May 1725, sold to Robert his three-fourth's rights in undivided lands. On the same day Matthew sold to Robert the one-fourth right that he had acquired from his father the previous year. Therefore it seems probable that William and Robert were sons of John, Sr. John Gray, Sr., gave land and buildings to his son John on 28 Oct. 1726, probably at the time of the latter's marriage. Son Samuel received land from his father on 8 June 1730. Proof of the relationship of James Gray is found in the "Journal of the Rev. John Ballantine", Westfield 1737-1774, Transcribed and Annotated by Joseph D. Bartlett, 1886. James and Elizabeth Gray of Holden and Westfield had a daughter Catherine who married Capt. John Gray of Westfield. Capt. John was son of Robert Gray, No. 41, who died in Worcester 16 Jan. 1766. On 9 Feb. 1766, Rev. Ballantine said prayers for "John Gray, for father's death" and for "James Gray, for brother's death at Worcester". James Gray died in Westfield on 28 May 1771 and on 2 June Rev. Ballantine said prayers "for Widow Elizabeth Gray for death of her husband" and for "John Gray and wife for death of father". On 4 June 1781, William Gray, at the desire of his sister Mary, was appointed by the court at Cambridge to administer, with her, the estate of her husband William Blair who had died in Framingham. John and Robert Gray of Worcester were sureties for the administrator's bond.

Children: (all born Ireland)

2. a. Matthew      b. ab. 1692; m. Margaret ----.
- b. Mary      b. ab. 1694; m. (1) ab. 1715, William Blair, bur. 23 Aug. 1724, Framingham; m. (2) 31 Jan. 1727, Shrewsbury, Matthew Barbour.
3. c. William      b. ab. 1696; m. Jean Clark.
4. d. Robert      b. ab. 1697; m. Sarah Wiley.
5. e. John      b. ab. 1700; m. Isabel ----.
6. f. Samuel      b. ab. 1702; m. Eleanor (McFarland) Hood.
7. g. James      b. ab. 1703; m. Elizabeth ----.
- h. Sarah      b. ab. 1705; d. 9 June 1790, Worcester; m. int. 26 Feb. 1725-6, Weston, Robert Barbour, b. ab. 1701; d. 27 Sept. 1769, Worcester.

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II. 2. MATTHEW GRAY (John 1), b. ab. 1692, Ireland; d. 21 Sept. 1758, ae. 66, Pelham; m. ab. 1715-6, MARGARET ----, d. after 1 Feb. 1762, probably Pelham.

The first record found of Matthew Gray was on 17 Feb. 1723 when he bought land in Worcester. The Scotch-Irish who settled in Worcester were Presbyterians. In 1737, they petitioned to be freed from supporting the town's minister. The petition was voted down and, because of the feeling which ensued, a group decided to withdraw and set up a town for "such as were inhabitants of the Kingdom of Ireland, or their descendants, being Protestants". The town, called "Lisbourn Proprietary", included what later became Pelham and parts of Prescott and Enfield. On 28 Oct. 1738, as Matthew Gray, Jr., he signed the articles of agreement for the settlement of the new town and drew homelot No. 1B. He bought homelot No. 45 on 28 Aug. 1739 and settled there. He was elected Town Treasurer in 1740, Town Moderator 1744-5 and surveyor

in 1745, 46, and 47. His will, dated 3 Sept. 1758, probated at Northampton 14 Nov. 1758, bequeathed to wife Margaret, sons Matthew, Moses, John, Aaron, Joshua, and Joseph and to daughters Jean, Mary, Martha, and Margaret; and to grandchildren Margaret and Matthew Clark and John and Matthew Rankin. The widow Margaret was given third division lot No. 22 which she sold on 1 Feb. 1762.

Children: (ten born Worcester, others probably born Pelham)

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| a. Sarah        | b. 22 Nov. 1717; d. 13 Mar. 1787, Pelham; m. int. 5 Dec. 1746, Pelham: John Clark, d. 1 Sept. 1785, Pelham. Clark children born Pelham: Margaret, b. 26 Feb. 1750; son, prob. Matthew, b. 14 Aug. 1754.   |
| b. Jean         | b. 19 Aug. 1720, unmarried 3 Sept. 1758.  |
| c. Elizabeth    | b. 9 Dec. 1722; m. 21 Apr. 1748, Pelham, Joseph Rinken (Rankin). Ranken children born Pelham: John, b. 12 Feb. 1749; Matthew, b. 8 Feb. 1751.   |
| d. Marcy (Mary) | b. 31 Jan. 1724-5. Father's will named Robert Henry of Blandford and Matthew Gray, guardians.   |
| 8. e. Matthew   | b. 4 Apr. 1727; m. (1) Sarah Barber; m. (2) Jemima McCreels.  |
| f. John         | b. 24 Mar. 1728-9; probably died young, Worcester.  |
| g. Moses        | b. 1 May 1731; d. 16 Dec. 1819, Pelham, bur. Quabbin Cemetery. (See notes Aaron Family, No. 9)  |
| h. John         | b. 22 May 1733. Same guardians as Marcy.  |
| 9. i. Aaron     | b. 4 Aug. 1735; m. (1) Isabel Lucore; m. (2) Ruth Powers.   |
| j. Margaret     | b. 31 July 1737; d. after 23 June 1780; m. 27 Oct. 1768, Pelham, John Hendricks (Hendricks), d. before 31 May 1780, Shelburne. On 31 May 1780, Margaret Hendrick, widow, Shelburne, sold land in Pelham bequeathed to her by father Matthew Gray.   |
| k. Martha       | b. ab. 1739; m. 26 Feb. 1761, Pelham, James Tafts (Taft), b. Upton, son Matthew & Anna (Quintain) Taft. On 2 July 1767, James Taft and wife Martha and Margaret Gray, single woman, all of Pelham, sold land in Pelham bequeathed to Martha and Margaret by father's will. The Tafts lived in Shelburne - 8 children. |
| l. Joshua       | b. ab. 1741. Was of Deerfield 23 June 1766; Shelburne 20 Nov. 1789; Charlemont 1790. No family recorded.  |
| m. Joseph       | b. ab. 1743; d. 1 Mar. 1776, a. 32, Shelburne. Thomas Cochran appointed guardian 1759, Joshua Gray guardian 6 May 1766.   |

II. 3. WILLIAM GRAY (John 1), b. ab. 1696, Ireland; d. 17 Jan. 1759, Pelham; m. ab. 1718, JEAN CLARK, b. ab. 1698, Ireland; d. 12 Aug. 1780, Pelham, daughter of Lt. John and Agnes (Adams) Clark of Colrain.

The first record found of William Gray, a cordwainer, was when he was elected fence viewer in Worcester in 1722. He and his wife Jean sold their Worcester home on 16 Aug. 1739 and on 1 May 1739 he drew homelot No. 11 in Pelham and moved there. He was elected Clerk at the first meeting of the proprietors of the new town on 1 May 1740 and held the office continuously until his death. He was elected Town Clerk at the first meeting of the incorporated town on 19 Apr. 1743. He was an assessor and Moderator of Town Meetings. His will, dated 16 Jan. 1758, probated Northampton 19 Feb. 1759, bequeathed to wife Jean, to sons Jonathan, Eliot, William, and Adam Clark, and to daughters Sarah, Lydia, and Jean Gray, Ann Harkness, Mary McKee, and Esther Hood. Sons-in-law Robert McKee and William Harkness were named executors. On 14 Oct. 1760, widow Jean Gray deeded to her son Adam Clark land in Colrain inherited from her father. She evidently lived with her son Jonathan for 20 years after her husband's death.

Children: (ten born Worcester, two born Pelham)

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| a. Bertha | buried Old Cemetery, Worcester Common.  |
| b. Ann    | b. 17 Sept. 1722; m. 28 July 1748, Pelham, William Harkness.  |
| c. Mary   | b. 11 July 1724; m. 21 Aug. 1746, Pelham, Robert McKee, d. 23 Dec. 1780, Pelham.  |
| d. Sarah  | b. 25 May 1726; d. 15 Aug. 1808, Athol; m. 13 Sept. 1759, Pelham, Abraham Nutt. On 9 Apr. 1768, Abraham Nutt & wife Sarah of Athol and Robert Gilmore and wife Jean of Pelham sold lot No. 48, 3rd division |

bequeathed to Sarah & Jean by father.

e. Esther b. 12 Apr. 1728; d. 4 Feb. 1811, Pelham; m. 2 Apr. 1747, Pelham, James Hood.

10. f. Jonathan b. 8 May 1730; m. (1) Margaret Patrick; m. (2) Elizabeth Wiley.

g. Eliot b. 17 Aug. 1732; d. 27 Oct. 1735, g.s. Worcester.

h. Lydia b. 5 July 1734; m. 13 Sept. 1759, Pelham, Robert Oliver of Athol.

11. i. Eliot b. 26 Apr. 1736; m. Hannah Barber.

j. Jean b. 9 Feb. 1737-8; d. Sept. 1825, Stamford, Vt.; m. 2 June 1763, Pelham, Robert Gilmore, d. 15 Feb. 1815, Stamford, Vt.

12. k. William b. ab. 1741; m. -----.

13. l. Adam Clark b. 28 June 1743; m. Eunice Clough.

II. 4. ROBERT GRAY (John 1), b. ab. 1697, Ireland; d. 16 Jan. 1766, ae. 69, Worcester; m. ab. 1728-9, SARAH WILEY; d. after 10 Aug. 1762, daughter of Joseph and Jane Wiley.

Robert Gray, husbandman, of Worcester, bought 100 acres with dwelling house in Worcester on 25 June 1734. He and his wife Sarah deeded to their son Robert on 22 June 1758, their homestead of 140 acres and 4 acres of meadow, the son to care for his parents during their natural lives. Robert's will, dated 10 Aug. 1762, with codicil dated 17 Sept. 1764, probated 10 Feb. 1766, Worcester, bequeathed to wife Sarah, to sons Joseph, Robert, John, Moses Wiley, and Samuel and to daughters Sarah, Experience, wife of Thomas Cowdin; and Molly, wife of Andrew Boyd.

Children: (born Worcester)

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| a. Experience      | b. 12 Aug. 1730; d. 3 Apr. 1760, Worcester; m. 24 Nov. 1748, Worcester, Capt. Thomas Cowdin, b. 25 Dec. 1720; d. 22 Apr. 1792, Fitchburg, son of James Cowdin.  |
| 14. b. Joseph      | b. 18 Nov. 1732; m. Sarah Thomas.   |
| 15. c. Robert      | b. 23 Dec. 1734; m. Margaret Watt.  |
| d. Molly           | b. 23 Oct. 1737; m. 17 June 1762, Worcester, Andrew Boyd, b. 20 Apr. 1742, Worcester, son of James Boyd & Jean Christy.   |
| 16. e. John        | b. 17 Sept. 1739-40; m. Catherine Gray.   |
| f. Sarah           | b. 30 Mar. 1742; d. 17 Sept. 1827, Heath; m. 1 Dec. 1772, Worcester, Moses Miller, b. 5 Dec. 1745, Newton; d. Aug. 1834, Heath, son Samuel & Elizabeth Miller. Robert Gray, Jr., in will of 1799 named brother-in-law Moses Miller, executor. |
| 17. g. Moses Wiley | b. 30 Nov. or 31 Dec. 1745; m. (1) Sarah Miller; m. (2) Anna Buckingham.  |
| 18. h. Samuel      | b. 23 Apr. 1748; m. Rebecca Allan.  |
| i. Thomas          | b. 10 Aug. 1750; d. 7 Oct. 1756, Worcester.   |

II. 5. JOHN GRAY (John 1), b. ab. 1700, Ireland; d. 7 June 1782, ae. 82, Pelham; m. ab. 1726, ISABEL ---, b. ab. 1707; d. 5 Jan. 1799, ae. 92, g.s. West Cemetery, Pelham.

John Gray was given land and buildings in Worcester by his father on 28 Oct. 1726. He was living with his parents on 1 July 1730 when they deeded the homestead to him. On 21 Jan. 1738-9, he drew homelots Nos. 8, 9, and 47 in Pelham and, on 4 Apr. 1739, he and his wife Isabel sold their homestead of 70 acres in Worcester. They then moved to Pelham where they lived on homelot No. 47. He was Moderator of Town Meetings and Elder of the Pelham Church. He sold homelot No. 47 of 140 acres with buildings to son Nathaniel on 31 Oct. 1767 and may have moved to homelot No. 53. He sold 50 acres of land in Pelham on 8 Dec. 1777 and died in 1782.

Children: (five born Worcester, three born Pelham, perhaps others)

19. a. Daniel b. 12 May 1728; m. (1) Elizabeth Lamond; m. (2) Mary Dick.  
 20. b. Isaac b. 19 Mar. 1729-30; m. Mary Maklem.  
 21. c. John b. 24 July 1732; m. Martha Savage.  
 d. Elizabeth b. 2 June 1734; d. 23 Feb. 1825, Athol; m. 20 Dec. 1764, Robert Young, b. Scotland, d. 20 Nov. 1796, as. nearly 100, Athol.  
 e. Nancy (Agnes) b. 1738-9; d. 7 May 1824, ae. 85, Salem, N.Y.; m. 7 Apr. 1757, Pelham, James Harkness; d. 16 Apr. 1776, Pelham. On 9 June 1794, Nancy Harkness, widow of State of New York; William Harkness &

wife Esther of Westfield; Jacob Harkness; Nathaniel Gray & wife Peggy; and James Bell & wife Isabel, all of Salem, Washington Co., N.Y., sold land in Pelham formerly the property of James Harkness, deceased.

22. f. Ebenezer b. 1 July 1743; m. (1) Sarah Johnston; m. (2) Agnes Berry.  
 23. g. Nathaniel b. 1 Feb. 1745; m. Sarah Blair.  
 h. Son b. 1 Feb. 1747. No further record.

II. 6. SAMUEL GRAY (John 1), b. ab. 1702, Ireland; d. after 22 Dec. 1748, perhaps Worcester; m. ab. 1727, ELEANOR (McFARLAND) HOOD, b. Ireland; d. ab. 1769, Pelham, daughter of Daniel McFarland and widow of Daved Hood whom she married 27 Nov. 1723, Marblehead.

Samuel Gray received land in Worcester from his father on 8 June 1730. In 1738, he was elected one of the committee to survey the tract of land called Lisbourn Proprietary and on 26 Feb. 1738-9, drew lots Nos. 43 and 59. He and his wife Eleanor sold their homestead in Worcester on 21 June 1739 and moved to Pelham where he was Town Moderator in 1743. In 1746, he was one of a committee to run the line between Roadtown (now Shutesbury) and New Salem. Massachusetts Archives show that Eleanor Gray was granted a divorce from her husband on 22 Jan. 1746-7 and on 29 May 1747, Samuel's estate was appraised at 1762 pounds 10 shillings and he was ordered to pay her 50 pounds and 24 pounds monthly. Samuel deeded land in Pelham to his daughter-in-law Margaret Hood on 20 Apr. 1748. He was "of Worcester" on 22 Dec. 1748 when he acknowledged a deed. This was the last record found of him. On 27 Feb. 1759, Eleanor Gray was "non compos mentis and her relations refuse to care for her". On 10 Mar. 1770, widow Elinor Gray having died intestate, the selectmen of Pelham sold land originally laid out to Samuel Gray.

Children: (born Worcester)

a. Elenor b. 8 Aug. 1728.  
 b. Patience b. 18 Mar. 1731.  
 c. Elizabeth b. 12 June 1733.  
 d. Samuel b. 15 June 1737. Perhaps of Becket, 1790.

II. 7. JAMES GRAY (John 1), b. 1703, Ireland; d. 28 May 1771, ae. 68, Westfield; m. ELIZABETH ----, b. 1705; d. 18 Feb. 1788, ae. 83, Westfield.

James Gray was "of Shrewsbury" on 1 Apr. 1727 when he bought 60 acres located near the lime kiln in the north half of Worcester (now Holden). He deeded this land to his son Jonas on 8 Mar. 1758 and moved to Westfield where, on 16 Oct. 1762, John Barber gave bond to provide care for life for his father-in-law James Gray and wife Elizabeth.

Children: (born Worcester and Holden)

24. a. Jonas b. 8 Apr. 1732; m. Susanna Gray.  
 b. Catherine b. 14 Apr. 1734; d. 11 Apr. 1799, Westfield; m. John Gray, No. 16.  
 c. Hannah b. 9 Jan. 1735-6; m. ab. 1758, John Barber of Westfield.  
 d. Elizabeth b. 11 Nov. 1738. No further record.  
 25. e. James b. 31 Dec. 1744; m. (1) Molly Laramon; m. (2) Ruth; m. (3) Anne.  
 26. f. Joseph m. Sarah Flagg.  
 27. g. Amasa b. 25 July 1751; m. Sarah Turpin.

#### THIRD GENERATION

III. 8. Dea. MATTHEW GRAY (Matthew 2, John 1), b. 4 Apr. 1727, Worcester; d. 24 Mar. 1803, ae. 76, g.s. West Cemetery, Pelham; m. (1) 30 Oct. 1766, Pelham; SARAH BARBER, b. 1730; d. 31 Dec. 1786, ae. 56, g.s. West Cemetery, Pelham; m. (2) int. 2 Feb. 1788, Colrain, widow JEMIMA McCREELES, b. 28 May 1738, Shrewsbury; d. 11 Feb. 1812, ae. 74, Colrain; dau. Benjamin and Hannah Temple. She m. (1) 20 Feb. 1766, Shrewsbury, James Mahoney; m. (2) 8 Oct. 1770, William McCrillis; d. 3 Nov. 1781, Colrain.

Matthew Gray was a soldier in 1756. He inherited the west half of homelot No. 45, with buildings, by his father's will. He was a Constable in 1762 and 1779 and occupied pew No. 3

in the church in 1766. As Dea. Matthew, he served on the school committee in 1779. On 7 Jan. 1786, he sold his homestead to John Barber and perhaps moved to Colrain where he is shown as head of a family in 1790. On 29 Aug. 1797, a Jemima Gray "spinster" sold land in Colrain.

Children: (born Pelham)

- a. Molly b. 26 Oct. 1767.
- b. Deidemia b. 11 July 1769.
- c. Sarah b. 28 Aug. 1771; m. 12 Apr. 1791, Colrain, Jonathan Stewart, b. 10 Apr. 1771, Colrain, son Lt. William & Elizabeth(Clark)Stewart. On 29 June 1803, Jonathan Stewart of Sullivan, Chenango Co., N.Y., sold land in Colrain.
- d. Olive b. 10 Sept. 1774; d. 6 Jan. 1775, Pelham.
- e. Olive b. 1 Jan. 1776.

III. 9. AARON GRAY (Matthew 2, John 1), b. 4 Aug. 1735, Worcester; d. 4 Feb. 1805, Pelham, bur. Quabbin Cemetery; m. (1) 22 Feb. 1759, Amherst, ISABEL LUCORE (LUCAS), b. 1737; d. 29 Dec. 1794, as. 57, New Salem, bur. Quabbin Cemetery, prob. dau. John & Margaret Lucore; m. (2) 10 Nov. 1796, Shutesbury, widow HUTH POWERS, b. 5 Dec. 1729, Littleton; d. 23 Aug. 1805, in 77th yr. g.s. Shutesbury, dau. John & Sarah Trull and widow first of John Fletcher and then of John Powers.

Matthew Gray, by his will of 3 Sept. 1758, bequeathed to son Aaron 100 acres on the north part of the homelot known as the Pond lot. He bequeathed the remainder of the Pond lot to son Moses. Moses sold 33 acres on the south end of homelot No. 60 to Moses Gray, the second (Aaron's son) on 28 Mar. 1818. Moses Gray evidently did not marry and probably lived with his brother Aaron. On 7 Apr. 1783, Aaron sold to Matthew (very probably his son) 46 acres, part of homelot No. 60 and on 4 Nov. 1796, he sold the remainder of lot No. 60 to Moses Gray, 2nd. The 1790 census shows him as head of a family with 2 males over 16 years old, 1 male under 16, and 4 females. These could well be his brother Moses, son Moses, son Aaron under 16, wife and daughters Margaret, Phebe, and Isabel. Land records indicate that Patrick, Matthew, and Moses were Aaron's sons and Mrs. Nellie Gray Elder reported that her ancestor Margaret Gray was always considered to have been a sister of Capt. Moses Gray. Roxana, Phebe, and Isabel were probable daughters of Aaron Gray.

Children: (born Pelham)

- 28. a. Patrick b. ab. 1760; m. (1) Abigail Sloan; m. (2) Lois Hunter; m. (3) Battsy Moor.
- b. Roxana b. ab. 1762; m. int. 30 June 1780, Pelham, Foard Bass (Bearse, Bears) of Shutesbury.
- 29. c. Matthew b. ab. 1764; m. Sarah Crossett.
- d. Margaret b. ab. 1766; d. 3 Jan. 1855; m. Jeremiah Gray, No. 56.
- 30. e. Moses b. 1768; m. (1) Mary Whitcomb; m. (2) Susannah W. Danforth.
- f. Phebe b. ab. 1770; m. 7 Dec. 1794, Southampton, Bildad Searle, 20 May 1763, Southampton. See page 65, Feb. 1951, Magazine.
- g. Isabel b. ab. 1772; m. int. 4 Oct. 1795, Pelham, Jacob Shaw, Shutesbury.
- 31. h. Aaron b. 24 Aug. 1774; m. Lucy ----.

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IN MEMORY Anna Sherman Moore, a native Detroit, was born 1907 and died May 21, 1952. A graduate of Wayne and Michigan Universities, she was a librarian in the Detroit Public Library for twenty-five years. In World War II she served 27 months in the Air Force. For the last five years she had been assistant in the Burton Historical Collection and an honorary member of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research. Every searcher in Burton remembers her cheerful helpfulness and her quiet competence. She was survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Moore, two sisters and a brother.

THE PETER KEPLER FAMILY  
 Erie and Crawford Counties, Pennsylvania  
 Frank Roy Kepler

INTRODUCTION

Origin of the Name

An anonymous writer states: "The distinguished name of Keppel, Kepler, and its variant forms belong to that group of surnames which owe their origin to a trade or occupation. According to one authority it comes from 'Kappenmacher' - a cap or hood maker, or one who wears a hood. Another theory is that it comes from Kappel - a place or locality. The name was known in Freiburg prior to the year 1455. Still another theory is that the name is derived from 'Kappel Mehrfacher', meaning a 'manifolder' pertaining doubtless to some form of bookbinding."

Differences in Spelling

The differences in the spelling of the name should not be given too great consideration for the following reasons:

In the olden days spelling was precarious and perhaps seemed unimportant. Men often spelled their own names differently on different occasions or a clerk spelled the name as it sounded to him when pronounced by its bearer rather than bother to ask how to spell it. To illustrate, a Joackim Kepler appears on the Ship Beulah's passenger list. On the list of names certified by the captain of the ship to the Mayor of Philadelphia as having taken the oath of allegiance, the name appears as Johann Jacob Keppner. In another case a Simon Kepler is on the passenger list, the captain of the ship certifies him as Simon Keuppler, and the emigrant signed Simon Kuppler.

In a deed recorded at the court house in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, the name is spelled Keppler, Keplar and Kepler. In the tax lists of Pennsylvania we find the names Kiplar, Keplar and Kepler. Each of the several Keplers were in possession of the same property from 1778-1785 as the tax was on the same number of acres, horses and cattle and in the same township and county. Keply, Kipley, Kepner, Kipler, are other variants that appear on the tax lists of the period.

Origin of the German Emigrants

Early in the 18th Century many inhabitants of the Lower Palatinate commonly spoken of as the Palatinate and now the German state of Pfals lying on both sides of the Rhine in Germany were driven from their homes by the persecution under Louis XIV of France, whose armies desolated their country. Many found refuge in England and many came to America.

The names of some of the "imports" (immigrants) by the name of Kepler or one of its close variants and the names of the ships on which they arrived are given here. (These names are taken from the ship lists as translated by Strassburger & Hinke in "Pennsylvania German Pioneers." Volume and page numbers refer to this work in each instance.)

| Immigrant                                 | Date of Arrival | Ship and Captain   |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Elias Kappeler &<br>Hans Martin Keppler   | Sept. 30, 1732  | Ship Dragon, Charles Hargrave, Master<br>from Rotterdam. (Vol. I, pp. 96 & 98.)      |
| Sebastian Kappler                         | Nov. 3, 1750    | Ship Brotherhood, John Thompson, Capt.,<br>from Rotterdam. (Vol. I, p. 448)          |
| Andreas Kappler &<br>Jacob Ludwig Kippele | Oct. 16, 1751   | Ship Duke of Würtemberg, Capt. D. Mont-<br>pelier from Rotterdam. (Vol. I, 475, 477) |

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|---|--|
| Joackim Kepler (Joh. Jacob Keppner; Sept. 10, 1753<br>signature, Johann Jagob Kepner) | Ship Beulah, Capt. Richey from<br>Rotterdam. (Vol. I, 513-6)   |
| Simon Kappeler<br>(Kepler, Keuppler, Kuppler)   | Sept. 14, 1754<br>Ship Nancy, Capt. Ewing from Rotterdam.<br>Passengers from Lorraine. (Vol. I, 591-2-4) |
| Joh. Peter (X) Kebler<br>(Kiebler)  | Oct. 31, 1754<br>Ship Bannister, Capt. John Doyle from<br>Amsterdam. (Vol. I, 646, 647)                  |
| Peter (X) Kebbler<br>(Kebler)   | Sept. 9, 1765<br>Ship Chance, Charles Smith, Master from<br>Rotterdam. (Vol. I, 705)                     |

Others of the name or some variant who came to America between the years 1750 and 1800 were:  
Andoni (Antoni) Kappel (Kapel), Jurian and Simon.

Locale of the Early Keplars

From early tax lists we learn that many of the emigrants bearing the name of Kepler or some variant of the name settled in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania. Tax payers by the name were found in Bucks, Berks, Cumberland, Northampton, Philadelphia, York and other counties.

At the time of the first United States census in 1790 there were seven heads of Kepler families listed in Pennsylvania and three in Maryland. There were two families in Pennsylvania, whose name was spelled Keplar.

United States Census 1790 - Maryland

| Page | Name           | County     | Males   |          | Females |
|------|----------------|------------|---------|----------|---------|
|      |                |            | Over 16 | Under 16 |         |
| 70   | Kepler, George | Frederick  | 2       |          | 1       |
| 119  | Kepler, John   | Washington | 1       |          |         |
| 122  | Kepler, Adam   | Washington | 2       | 3        | 4       |

It may be noted that the only Keplers listed as heads of families in Washington County were John and Adam and in Frederick County was George. John, who was over sixteen, seemed to be a single freeman. No other male nor any female is listed with him. Adam's family consisted of two males over sixteen, three males under sixteen, and four females.

The second male over sixteen in Adam's family was probably a son, born in the early part of 1774 or earlier to have made him sixteen at the time of the census. This may have been our Peter who would then have been nineteen or older at the time of the birth of his son Jacob in 1793 in Washington County, Maryland. Whosoever son Peter was, he very likely married after the census of 1790. He may have been born sometime during the years 1770-73, his first child Jacob having been born in October 1793.

An Adam Kepler paid taxes on sixty acres of land in Middletown Township, Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania, in 1780. This Adam Kepler of Cumberland County may have been the same as the one listed in Washington County, Maryland. The latter county is only a matter of seventy or eighty miles from Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Adam could have moved to Maryland during the decade.

Early Kepler Families of Maryland

No record has been found of where Adam, George, and John Kepler came from. A Mathias Kepler, a soldier of the American Revolution probably came to Maryland after 1790 as he is not listed in the first census. His son, Peter Kepler (1771/2 - 1847) with his wife, two sons, and father migrated first in 1815 to Greene County, Pennsylvania and in 1820 to Wayne County, Indiana. John Kepler (1773 - 1849) lived in Middletown District, Maryland. The graves of John and his wife are side by side in the Evangelical Lutheran Congregational Zion Cemetery, Middletown, Maryland. John, Jr. settled in Washington County and raised a large family. Henry (1813 - ), Conrad and Peter, son of John Kepler, Sr., migrated about 1843 to Linn County, Iowa. Practically nothing has been learned of the families of Adam and George Kepler. The connection between the families of George, Adam, and John of Maryland, Peter of Indiana and Peter of Pennsylvania, has not been established.

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FIRST GENERATION

Peter and Elizabeth Kepler

1. PETER KEPLER was probably born about 1770/1, surely not later than 1774, and died some time between 1800 and 1810. He married ELIZABETH ----, born in 1773, died Oct. 29, 1855, aged 82 years. ELIZABETH (----) KEPLER married, second, JAMES CARR.

Little is known of Peter Kepler, the progenitor of the Kepler family of Erie and Crawford Counties, Pennsylvania or of his activities. He is listed in the second United States Census (1800) as being the head of a family and over twenty-six but less than forty-five years old at that time. There were two boys and two girls less than ten years of age in the family. Since no Peter Kepler in Erie or adjoining counties is listed in the third census he probably died sometime during the decade.

The History of Crawford County, Pennsylvania (Warner, Beers Co., p. 746) and Our County and Its People (Bates & Ferguson, p. 670) state that Peter Kepler was a native of Maryland. In the Meadville Evening Republican it was stated at the time of his son's death that the son was born in Hagerstown, Maryland. These statements have not been proven, but are supported by family tradition.

No record has been found of any Peter Kepler as the head of a family in Washington County, Maryland. If Peter, who migrated to Erie County, Pennsylvania, lived in Maryland at the time of the first United States Census in 1790, he evidently was not over sixteen, was not married and was listed with his father's family.

In the opinion of the writer, Peter Kepler's father or grandfather migrated from the Palatinate or from Württemberg, Germany. Like many other German emigrants, who landed in Philadelphia, Peter's father may have pushed on through the southeastern part of Pennsylvania into the beautiful and fertile valleys of western Maryland.

Peter with his wife and little family migrated later to the newly opened country in north western Pennsylvania. The journey was made by canoe, keel boat, with oxen or horses, packing the household goods in the canoes or on the backs of the animals. No doubt Peter and his wife walked considerable distances. Many hardy, early pioneers "went in" that way, following the Allegheny River and French Creek to its sources. Peter brought his wife and two small boys, one six and the other two years old.

The two historians mentioned above in their histories and biographical sketches assert that Peter settled in LeBoeuf Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania. However, that Peter first located at Wattsburg is indicated by two other sources.

First, in the Evening Republican published at Meadville, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1877, is an account at the time of Jacob Kepler's death. It is stated that he was born in Hagerstown, Maryland and that his father removed from his native state to Wattsburg, Erie County, Pennsylvania. This item being written at the time of Jacob's death and while his widow was still living and of sound mind, it seems reasonable to believe that she would know where her husband's parents first settled.

Second, on page 179, History of Erie Co., Part VI, Township Biographies, is the following passage: "Milton Shreve, farmer, P.O. Union City, was born in Union Township on the homestead farm in 1831. He is the youngest living son of Richard Shreve who was born in 1796 and married Margaret, daughter of Peter Kepler, whose wife is said to have cooked the first meal in Wattsburg."

The two items above seem to indicate without doubt that Peter Kepler first settled at Wattsburg, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

William Miles, the first settler to go into what is now Erie County, surveyed lands in the eastern part of Erie County in 1785. In 1796, he made a clearing and built a hewn-log storehouse at Wattsburg. David Watts went in and settled near the juncture of the east and west branches of French Creek. Miles in 1800 removed with his family from Concord Township

to the present site of Union City where he built a grist mill and a saw mill.

Large numbers of Germans, Scotch and Irish settled in Erie and adjacent Crawford Counties. Peter Kepler and his family undoubtedly were among these. They afterwards may have moved into the locality east of LeBoeuf and southwest of Union Mills, now Union City. This would be in the neighborhood of lands entered by Richard Shreve 2nd. On page 113 of the Second United States Census (1800) for Pennsylvania, Vol. 8, Erie County, (certified March 25, 1801) Peter Kepler is listed in Union Township as the head of a family consisting of one male between twenty-six and forty-five, two males under ten, one female between sixteen and twenty-six and two females under ten years. Since Peter was at least twenty-six at the time of the 1800 census he could not have been born later than 1774. Since Peter's first child was born in October 1793 and if he married at the normal age of twenty or twenty-one, he probably was born 1771/2.

The totals for Union "Township" are given at the end of the detailed list of heads of families for that "township." The "townships" really districts, listed in the summary at the end of the Second United States Census, page 113, are Springfield, Greenfield, Waterford, and Erie. It is probable from the above facts that the districts for census purposes had rather indefinite boundaries. Union "Township" in 1800 apparently embraced a greater section than the present township. There was one slave in the Erie census district.

It must be pointed out that in 1798 Erie Township of Allegheny County was formed with boundaries identical with those of the present county of Erie. Erie County was erected March 12, 1800. Allegheny County, from 1788 to 1800, embraced all the territory north of the Ohio and west of the Allegheny river. (History of Erie County, p. 137). Not until 1803 were the sixteen original townships established. (John Miller, Twentieth Century History of Erie Co., Pa., pp. 108-9.) Among them were Fairview, Greenfield, LeBoeuf, Springfield, Union, Venango and Waterford.

The History of Erie County (Warner, Beers & Co., p. 179) contains the statement: "Richard (Shreve) 2d and a brother-in-law, Jacob Kepler, entered 400 acres of unbroken wilderness which land is now occupied, all but 100 acres by his (Richard Shreve's) descendants who number the best families of Union Township...." As this land extended into the neighborhood of LeBoeuf there may have been some confusion in the mind of the writers of the History of Crawford County, causing them to state that Peter settled in LeBoeuf Township.

Only the given name of Peter's wife, Elizabeth, is known. She subsequently married James Carr. The inscription on the headstone at the left of that for Jacob Kepler in the Venango Cemetery reads: "Elizabeth, Wife of James Carr, died Oct. 29th, 1855, Aged 82 years." Grandma Carr during her last years lived in the home of William Kepler, her son, near Woodcock Borough and was, according to a letter by Mary Kepler (Mrs. George H. Parkhurst) of Hammonton, New Jersey, well beloved by the children in that home. Very little is known of James Carr except that the grandchildren were fond of Uncle Carr.

Neither the parentage, the birthplace nor the place of death of Peter Kepler has been ascertained up to the time of writing. The grave of Peter Kepler has never been located. Family tradition says that he was buried in a field. This would not be strange for that period of pioneer days and it would not be the first such burial in the county. A John Wilson was the first white man to die in Erie County. In June 1799 he was buried in a natural mound in the forest. Peter Kepler is not listed in the Third United States Census taken in 1810, either in Erie or Crawford County, so he must have died sometime between 1800 and 1810, comparatively a young man.

#### Children of PETER and ELIZABETH (----) KEPLER

|     |      |                         |    |           |           |
|-----|------|-------------------------|----|-----------|-----------|
| * 2 | i.   | Jacob <sup>2</sup> ,    | b. | Oct.      | 6, 1793   |
| * 3 | ii.  | William <sup>2</sup> ,  | b. |           | 1796      |
| * 4 | iii. | Margaret <sup>2</sup> , | b. | March 17, | 1798      |
| 5   | iv.  | Daughter                | b. |           | 1799/1800 |

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A SMITH FAMILY HISTORY  
Compiled by Ramah Wilson Clawson, Ruth Clawson Harris & John Clinton Harris

I. ADAM C. SMITH, b. 1802/3 in Kentucky; d. after 1862 in Macon County, Missouri; married perhaps twice but only second wife is known. She was Permelia Scott, born 1816/7 in Tenn. and died at Bevier, 1887 in Macon Co., Mo. in the home of her son Daniel. She and Adam Smith were married about 1838 in Indiana and are both buried in the Brammer Cemetery near Callao, Missouri.

In Indiana, Adam C. Smith lived about forty miles from Terre Haute, perhaps in Clay County. As the tides of migration moved west, he with his wife and eight children, along with other settlers left their homes and went by covered wagon to Iowa, near Walnut City. Later they moved to Macon County, Missouri and lived northwest of Bevier and northeast of Callao, where their last two children were born.

His wife lived many years after his death and kept boarders to earn her living. One boarder was Chas. Scritchfield who relates he heard "Aunt Melia" tell about their trip to Iowa, saying, "One time when we stopped for the night near a new bridge, after supper some one got out their fiddle and we danced by the light of the campfires." Then she went on to say, "Finally we reached the Mississippi and as we were crossing on the ferry, my cow jumped overboard. I quickly threw a rope around her neck and made her swim alongside the ferry until we reached the other side. I wasn't aiming to lose that cow."

George Smith, a grandson, tells of the time he was visiting his grandmother and they were invited to a party at one of the neighbors. Grandmother said, "Now, George, we'll go to that party and I'm going to dance but don't you tell your father." George promised to keep silent and so they went. During the evening grandmother did dance and kept up with the younger folks. George in telling about it in later years remarked, "And I never told Pa about it either."

Willie Smith, a grandson, writes: "I was just a child when grandmother died. I remember it was cold weather perhaps, Dec. or Jan.; the ground was frozen and it was necessary to chop the dirt loose before it could be shoveled, when the grave was being dug."

Charles E. Smith in talking about his father said, "My father drank turpentine by mistake and it killed him." Among the effects of this son was a tax receipt dated 12-11-18 1862 and made out to Adam Smith.

Among the traditions of the family is one that Adam Smith was married previously to his marriage to Permelia Scott and that there were three children of this marriage, Michael, Alice and Kathleen. No proof of this has been found.

The History of Macon County, Missouri in Early Settlers 1830-1844, lists: Lewis, William C., John D., and Stephen T. Smith. Many of these settlers came from Virginia and Kentucky, usually to Howard and Randolph counties and then on to Macon. The relationship of any of these Smiths to Adam C. Smith is not known.

Adam C. Smith and wife, Permelia Scott had ten children:

|                   |                    |                  |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. William Perry, | b. June 27, 1839;  | d. June 14, 1922 |
| 2. Mary,          | b. Oct. 9, 1841;   | d. June 21, 1918 |
| 3. Charles E.,    | b. Sept. 12, 1842; | d. Dec. 22, 1916 |
| 4. Daniel,        | b. Oct. 14, 1844;  | d. May 12, 1914  |
| 5. Hannah,        | b. about 1846/47;  | d. about 1862    |
| 6. John,          | b. " 1848/49;      | d. " 1898        |
| 7. David,         | b. " 1850/51;      |                  |
| 8. Stephen,       | b.                 |                  |
| 9. George Riley,  | b. Mar. 25, 1857;  | d. Dec. 16, 1926 |
| 10. Louisa Jane,  | b. Dec. 22, 1861;  | d. May 3, 1899   |

## SECOND GENERATION

II. WILLIAM PERRY SMITH, (Adam C.) b. June, 1839 in Indiana; d. June 14, 1922 in Locker, San Saba Co., Texas; m. Sept. 6, 1866 in Clarksville, Red River Co., Texas, Margaret Elizabeth Hutchinson, b. Feb. 15, 1845 in Mississippi, d. Aug. 16, 1926 in Locker, San Saba Co., Texas. He moved with his parents to Iowa when he was six years old, and again when 16, to Macon Co., Mo. When a young man he was very fond of the hunt; loved to follow the hounds, also loved fishing and frontier life. During the summer of 1860, he crossed the Plains with a train of 150 wagons. While on this trip he climbed Pike's Peak and went through the Mormon fort at Salt Lake City, returning home in time to cast his first ballot in the fall of 1860.

In the spring of 1861, he enlisted in the Eleventh Missouri Cavalry, Co. C., Confederate Army; served four years and six months. He was in twenty-eight engagements. In one he had five horses killed under him and was shot in his right leg. He carried the bullet to the grave. His daughter Doria writes, "Father lacked one night of being a prisoner of war for six months and it always gave us a thrill to hear him tell of his escape. He never returned to Missouri, but immediately after the war went to Texas. Once he applied for a pension but had no discharge and was told he would have to take a pauper's oath to get it. He said he didn't need it that bad and would not sign the papers."

His parents had him sprinkled when an infant. At the age of 19 he was under conviction for sin. He asked, "When I was sprinkled, who had a good conscience, myself, my parents or my administrator?" He was baptized into the Perrin Baptist Church and was a Christian for sixty-four years. He was licensed to preach by the Richland Springs Church; was a charter member of the Mount Pleasant Church; and was pastor of the following churches during his lifetime, Mount Pleasant, Salem, Shaw Bend, Flat Rock, Round Mountain, Shiloh, Rochelle, Jones Valley, China Creek, and Locker. He married 125 couples.

After his retirement from the ministry, Mr. Smith farmed, and all through the years when he was preaching he did carpenter work, blacksmithing and farming. He was a Mason for 54 years, a charter member of Locker Lodge, No. 846 A.R. & A.M. and had been its chaplain since the Lodge was organized.

William Perry Smith and Margaret Elizabeth Hutchinson had nine children:

1. Mary Pamelia Smith, b. Sept. 6, 1867 near Clarksville, Texas; d. 1871. She was named for her parent's mothers and born on their first wedding anniversary.
2. James Daniel Smith, b. Sept. 9, 1869 near Clarksville, Texas; d. Jan. 1936 on a farm near Locker, Texas; m. Sept. 7, 1890, Margaret Louisa Smith, San Saba Co., Texas. They had seven children:
  - i. Elizabeth Jane Smith, b. Aug. 12, 1891; m. T. M. Gage; had children, Lottie Mae, Horace Alexander, James Marion, Melba Charline, Willie Neal.
  - ii. William Franklin Smith, b. Jan. 10, 1893. Last heard of in Canada about 1933.
  - iii. John Bunyon Smith, b. Oct. 11, 1894; m. Myrtle Proffit, Abilene, Texas. He was a carpenter; had two daughters, Betty Joyce and Dorothy Mae.
  - iv. James Daniel Smith, Jr., m. Mary Saunders who died when the children were small. They were Andy, Allyne, Hazel, Odessa.
  - v. Charles M. Smith, b. Sept. 1898; m. Ruby --- in Ark. Two children: Robert Curtis and Lois.
  - vi. Thomas White Smith, b. Jan. 1, 1901; m. Eddie Smith. Married other times. Children by first marriage: Helen, a son and Thelma.
  - vii. Joseph Smith, b. Jan. 11, 1903; d. Aug. 1930. He married a widow with one child and died accidentally soon after. No children.
3. Nelson Hutchinson Smith, b. Dec. 12, 1871, near Clarksville, Red River Co., Texas; d. Mar. 10, 1918; m. 1st Martha Joan Court, Feb. 5, 1890 at China Creek, Texas. She died Oct. 5, 1905. He m. 2nd, May 17, 1910, Mrs. Ora Burleson, Richland Springs, Texas. He was a member of the Baptist Church, a Mason and a member of the Woodmen of the World.
 

Children by first wife:

  - i. Pinkie Ellen Smith, b. Jan. 25, 1891; d. June 1914; m. Feb. 14, 1909, Everett Taylor. No children.
  - ii. Nannie Rachel Smith, b. Jan. 12, 1893; m. Fred Bradfield, Locker, Texas. Their daughter Kathryn married Jep Kent.
  - iii. Cary Carroll Smith, b. Sept. 27, 1895; m. Viola Johnson, Locker, Texas. They

had five children, Everett Lenoir, Wright, Stanley, Emma and Ophelia.

iv. Perry Mark Smith, b. Aug. 15, 1900; d. Dec. 7, 1944; m. Louise Jennings, Amarillo, Texas. Two children: Perry Nelson and Martha Lynn.

Children by second wife:

v. Gerald Nelson Smith, b. Mar. 6, 1912; m. Mabel Claire Fuque, Brownwood, Texas. Children: Claire, Susan Shaw and Gerald Nelson Jr.

vi. Marion Burleson Smith, b. Dec. 28, 1914; m. Laura Bentley. Four children: Sylvie Nell, Marilyn, Philip and David.

vii. Baron Haynes Smith, b. Dec. 28, 1914; m. Hazel Smith. Children: Nelson Arthur and Baron Jr.

viii. Oral Lee Smith, b. May 23, 1917.

4. Rachel Elizabeth Smith, b. 1874 near Clarksville, Texas; d. 1889.

5. William Wallace Smith, b. Oct. 10, 1876 near Clarksville, Texas; m. July 1, 1905 Pearl Paver McCurdy, Mangum, Oklahoma. Three children:

- i. Imogene Lee Smith, m. David Aylesworth; children: Rufus David, Bill, Armine, John, Beatrice and Smith.
- ii. Ruby Mae Smith, m. Jake Lovelady. Adopted children, Susan & Stephen.
- iii. Otto Oliver Smith.

6. Johnnie Laura Smith (girl), b. in 1879, San Saba Co., Texas; d. 1895.

7. Henrietta Smith, b. Oct. 11, 1881, San Saba Co., Texas; d. June 14, 1941, Amarillo, Texas. Never married.

8. Cora Smith, b. Jan. 26, 1884, San Saba Co., Texas; m. James Edgar Matlock, May 22, 1907, Locker, Texas. Five children:

- i. Carl Chester Matlock, m. Ruth McGeehee. Children: Wanda Ruth & Charles Glenn.
- ii. Kenneth Smith Matlock, m. Willie Mae ----. No children.
- iii. Willard Edgar Matlock. Unmarried.
- iv. Myrtle Lucyle Matlock, m. 1st. Lewis E. Lewter Jr.; m. 2nd. Robert Privetti; m. 3rd. George H. Brundage. Child of 1st mar. Lewis Edward Lewter.
- v. Dorothy Maud Matlock, m. Gerald David Shute.

9. Dora Belle Smith, b. Nov. 11, 1886, San Saba, Texas; m. Jan. 30, 1921, Isaac Gowin Hipp, Locker, Texas. He d. Feb. 26, 1945. They had one child, Eliza-Joy Hipp, who married Arnold S. Walker, Weatherford, Texas.

II. MARY SMITH, (Adam C.) b. Oct. 9, 1841 in Indiana; d. June 21, 1918 in Florence, Colo.; m. 1st Reuben E. Arnold, Feb. 18, 1859, Macon Co., Mo. He d. Oct. 6, 1862. They had one child Samuel Arnold, b. May 3, 1861; d. Sept. 17, 1861. She m. 2nd Francis Marion Nichols, Dec. 24, 1865 in Macon Co., Mo. He was b. July 19, 1839 and reared near St. Joseph, Mo. He d. Mar. 26, 1926, Milello, Oregon. In a letter to her brother, Mary Nichols wrote Nov. 26, 1916 from Coal Creek, Colorado, "We took up 160 acres in the mountains, it raises more there than around here. We raised oats, barley, native hay, potatoes and cattle. It was 25 miles to market. The snow would come deep. We sold out, our health was poor and it was so high, we could not stay up there. It was 9000 feet above sea level. We lived there for 20 years."

Mary Smith and Francis Marion Nichols had six children, all born in Macon Co., Mo.

1. William R. Nichols, b. Nov. 3, 1866; d. Sept. 23, 1878, Macon Co., Mo.
2. Maggie Adella Nichols, b. Feb. 22, 1866; m. Jan. 3, 1884, Roger Pople. They had four children:
  - i. Edward Francis Pople, b. Oct. 12, 1884; d. Feb. 1885.
  - ii. Child who died at birth.
  - iii. Olive Lucretia Pople, b. July 5, 1888; m. in 1908, Arsene Laret. No children. Living in San Diego, Calif. in 1948.
  - iv. Edith Almeeda Pople, b. Apr. 19, 1897; m. Clark Robbins who died after eighteen months. No children.
3. James Marion Nichols, b. June 21, 1870; m. Sept. 15, 1896, Maggie Jane Prosser. Lives in Jacksonville, Oregon and is a member of Jehovah Witnesses. Four children:
  - i. Enid Laverne Nichols, b. Mar. 26, 1898; d. Dec. 11, 1918; m. Chas. Barnes. No children.
  - ii. David Francis Nichols, died at birth.
  - iii. Quimby Ozzy Nichols, b. Aug. 10, 1901; m. Wilma Lee and has six children.

iv. James Kay Nichols, m. Jean ----. No children.

4. George Thomas Nichols, b. Mar. 6, 1873; d. Dec. 26, 1937; m. Sadie Patton. His sister, Elva said, "Brother Tom, as we called him, left this state of Colorado 30 odd years ago, settled in Oregon and later moved to Washington, so have no record of the births, deaths or marriages. They had six children who lived to be married and several died in infancy. There are 7 grandchildren living in Kelso, Washington. Carl now deceased had six children; Glen and Gladys, twins have six children between the homes; Elva is married and has a daughter; Tommy the youngest is married and has one daughter."

5. Elva Izora Nichols, b. July 12, 1875; m. Mar. 25, 1896, Ross Smith, son of Isaac Milton Smith of Indiana. In an old letter, Elva Smith wrote, "We left Missouri in 1882 and I was so small I can't remember. After coming to Colorado we lived in the mountains on a homestead and all the transportation we had was horses. Later we got a good buggy but I was grown before that came to pass. Mother died at my home and left her old papers and books with us. One spring we had a terrible flood, we were living on a farm along the river bottom and the water came up and took our house and everything in its path. So that wiped out the evidence my Mother had of her folks." Elva and Ross Smith had two children.

- i. Francis Milton Smith, b. Apr. 5, 1897; m. Orion Mae Easton. Their daughter Olive Marguerite Smith m. Lee Tripp and had a daughter Sharon Lee Tripp.
- ii. Derosatis Glen Smith, b. Sept. 2, 1901; m. Elizabeth Hart Seward and had children, Donald Glenn Smith and Billy Ross Smith.

6. Minnie Myrtle Nichola, b. Sept. 27, 1880; d. Mar. 12, 1929; m. Elmer Harris who was living in Alma, Colo., in 1946. Their son lives in Ogden, Utah.

II. CHARLES E. SMITH (Adam C.) b. Sept. 12, 1843 in Indiana; d. Dec. 22, 1916, Cincinnati, Iowa at the home of his son G. M. Smith; m. Sept. 14, 1865 Amanda Ann Christal, Bevier, Mo., dau. of Milton Christal and Rebecca Barton Isbell. She was b. Oct. 30, 1835 Wayne Co., Kentucky; d. Oct. 2, 1894 Mendota, Mo. Both are buried and stone erected in Mendota Cemetery.

Mr. Smith came with his parents to Iowa about 1854 and settled near Walnut City, Appanoose Co., Ia. They moved to Bevier, Macon Co., Mo. and later to Mendota, Putnam Co., Mo. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and also a devoted member of the Baptist church for 50 years. All the visiting preachers of his church received the hospitality of his home. Among these was the Rev. Thomas Whorton of Unionville, Mo., who was not only the pastor but the good friend of the Smith family. The activities of this early pioneer preacher were closely interwoven with early Putnam Co. history and in his lifetime, he performed 200 weddings and preached over 150 funeral sermons. He baptized Mary and Martha Jane Smith, married Mary Ann and Charles Clawson and preached the funeral sermon of the first born son as well as that of both Charles E. Smith and his wife Amanda.

Charles Smith was a coal miner, rising to be the pit-boss at several coal companies. He started with nothing, raised his family and saved money besides. After his death numerous mortgages, bonds and notes were found among his effects. In politics he was a Democrat and stoutly upheld the tenets of that party. A man with little formal education, he read widely and was respected and loved by all who knew him. One incident of his early life, told to his son, mirrors the exigencies of the older days, "I had the typhoid fever when I was young. On one Sunday afternoon while I was ill, company came and while they were visiting I got out of bed and went to the watermelon patch, broke open a melon, ate all I wanted and then hurried back to bed. No one being the wiser of this escapade, and it never hurt me a bit."

Charles E. Smith and Amanda Christal had five children.

1. William Smith, b. and d. at Bevier, Mo., June 22, 1866.
2. Martha Jane Smith, b. Oct. 7, 1867, Bevier, Mo.; d. Feb. 11, 1923.
3. Thomas Daniel Smith, b. Oct. 4, 1869; d. Aug. 30, 1923.
4. George Milton Smith, b. Dec. 29, 1872;
5. Mary Ann Smith, b. June 22, 1875; d. June 1, 1951.

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MARRIAGE RECORDS, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL  
 Detroit, Michigan  
 Copied from the original records by  
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 Continued from June 1952

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| William T. Japp        | to Jane Smith                                 | Sept. 7, 1858  |
| Dr. John Gorton        | to Mary Kane                                  | Sept. 7, 1858  |
| George C. Galbraith    | to Mary Jane Turner C.F.                      | Sept. 13, 1858 |
| William Smith          | to Mary Ford                                  | Sept. 22, 1858 |
|                        | Witnesses: Mr. John Ford, William Adair       |                |
| Lucian H. Robinson     | to Elisabeth Thorn                            | Sept. 28, 1858 |
| Jeremiah Van Renssleer | to Sarah Morse                                | Oct. 1858      |
| George Cairns          | to Priscilla Kane C.F.                        | Oct. 19, 1858  |
| De Gama Jones          | to Caroline Sanger                            | Oct. 19, 1858  |
| James E. Winney        | to C. J. Sullivan                             | Sept. 14, 1858 |
|                        | Witnesses: C. M. McDonald, Mrs. McCoskry      |                |
| James McCloy           | to Catharine McMahon                          | Nov. 18, 1858  |
|                        | Witnesses: C. McDonald, Pat McEuer            |                |
| Edwin Mortimer         | to ---- Farley                                |                |
| Dr. Thomas S. Stanway  | to Lizzie M. Manning                          | Dec. 3, 1858   |
| D. J. Davidson         | to Josephine Alvord                           | Dec. 3, 1858   |
| Washington Leonardson  | to Electa Acen Sylvia, Ohio                   | Dec. 8, 1858   |
|                        | Witnesses: M. Barton, M. Fellers              |                |
| Thomas Robinson        | to Eliza Horaman                              | Dec. 15, 1858  |
| John Smith             | to Eliza Ross                                 | Dec. 23, 1858  |
| William Bumley         | to Harriet Bratt C. West                      | Jan. 1, 1859   |
| Loyal Brown            | to Ann Crow                                   | Jan. 1, 1859   |
| W. Franklin Bosworth   | to Juleana Sheersmith                         | Jan. 13, 1859  |
| James Tannehill        | to Julia Fraser                               | Jan. 13, 1859  |
| Charles Little         | to Elisabeth Robinson                         | Feb. 9, 1859   |
| Nelson Goychea         | to Lavinia Fink (First)                       | Feb. 5, 1859   |
| Nathaniel Ross         | to Elisabeth McFadden                         | Mar. 6, 1859   |
| Hugh McMullen          | to Hannah Cordelia                            | Apr. 2, 1859   |
| Robert Hirst           | to Mary Ann Little                            | Apr. 6, 1859   |
| Charles Develin        | to Mary Cotten                                | Apr. 26, 1859  |
| John Taylor            | to Rose De Laney                              | Aug. 23, 1859  |
| Thomas Vollens         | to Jane Radcliff                              | Sept. 29, 1859 |
|                        | Witnesses: William Radcliff, M. A. Vollens    |                |
| Libly Hartley          | to Harriet McKee                              | Feb. 19, 1859  |
| Guy T. Hinchman        | to Catharine F. Abbott                        | June 1, 1859   |
|                        | Witnesses: John Bunnell, William Chittenden   |                |
| John Bonnell           | to Emily Green                                |                |
| William H. McCarthy    | to Letitia S. Buffen                          | Nov. 22, 1859  |
| Robert Hamilton        | to Mary Coslon                                | Dec. 1, 1859   |
| John Green             | to Barbara Landstrom                          | Dec. 2, 1859   |
| John Minnis            | to Veronica Piggott                           | Feb. 12, 1860  |
| William Wilmot         | to Mary Francis Dowling                       | June 30, 1860  |
|                        | Witnesses: Cath. McDonald, Bridget Brennan    |                |
| Joseph Patterson       | to Mary McLane Kent Co. C. West               | May 24, 1860   |
|                        | Witnesses: W. Furlong, T. Lyster              |                |
| John R. Gillett        | to Alice Brady                                | May 31, 1860   |
|                        | Witnesses: Edward Delaney, Anna Sloan         |                |
| James Biddle           | to Margaret Terry                             | Aug. 21, 1860  |
| Thomas Holmes          | to Mary Fortuna                               | Aug. 21, 1860  |
|                        | Witnesses: George Roe, Mary Ann Lee           |                |
| James Roach            | to Ellen Miller                               | Sept. 13, 1860 |
|                        | Witnesses: James Cunningham, Margaret Quenton |                |
| J. Kemp Mizner USA     | to Emily Stevens                              | Sept. 11, 1860 |

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| Hamilton McFarlane            | to Elisabeth Marryford                           | Oct. 7, 1860  |
| Charles M. Barnes N. York     | Witnesses: Rich. Martin, Cath. Kirby             |               |
| Charles Latour Sarnia         | to Sarah Weatherstead                            | Oct. 7, 1860  |
| William Anderson London C.W.  | Witnesses: Emma Weatherstead, Alex, N. Cleveland |               |
| William Quansaly              | to Grace Canvise                                 | Oct. 15, 1860 |
| John Bridge                   | Witnesses: J. M. Ben, Bess Lyster                |               |
| Joseph Schantz                | to Violette Alexander C.W.                       | Nov. 26, 1860 |
| George Harlan Windsor C.W.    | Witness: Dr. Sparling                            |               |
| Henry Penny                   | Married by Rev. Mr. Denauche                     |               |
| Thomas Hall St. Louis         | to Alice Kellett                                 | Nov. 7, 1860  |
| John J. Denise                | to Sarah Patchell                                | Nov. 8, 1860  |
| Frank Phelps                  | Witnesses: John Marten, Elisa Edwards            |               |
| Edgar Christian               | to Margaret O'Brien                              | Nov. 9, 1860  |
| Samuel Ellis                  | Witnesses: John Shultz, Ellen Senta              |               |
| John Hancock                  | to Margaret Carnegie                             | Nov. 21, 1860 |
| John Longhorn                 | Witnesses: Charles & Elise Carnegie              |               |
| Henry Martin Belle River C.W. | to Fannie Rabineau                               | Nov. 17, 1860 |
| (Col.) John Hopkins           | to Jane Hunter Brandford                         | Dec. 2, 1860  |
| Andrew Sharp                  | Witnesses: Sarah White, Charles Hencks           |               |
| Thomas Carran                 | to Harriet Crowley                               |               |
| Nelson Guyatt                 | Witnesses: Patrick Fay, Mary Denise              | Dec. 5, 1860  |
| William R. Davis Sergt. USA   | to Emma Geiger                                   | Dec. 6, 1860  |
| Henry S. Robinson             | to Ada Near                                      | Jan. 10, 1861 |
| Edmund Quirk                  | Witnesses: George J. Crossman, Elisa Near        |               |
| Louis B. Quackenbush          | to Elisa Jane Little Maidstone C.W.              | Jan. 29, 1861 |
| Dr. Hastings (Charles C.)     | Witnesses: Charles Bruce, Susan Ellis            |               |
| Patrick Tegan                 | to Margaret Mildowney Anderdon C.W.              | Feb. 7, 1861  |
| James Beard                   | Witnesses: Julia Kennan, William McCarthy        |               |
| Edward R. Stewart             | to Elisabeth Taylor Windsor                      | Feb. 23, 1861 |
| John B. Fortier               | Witnesses: Isaac Stockwell, Eliza Kernick        |               |
| Adam Andoff                   | to Margaret Dennis                               | Aug. 14, 1861 |
| William D. Williams           | Witnesses: Morrison & Ellen Nash                 |               |
| Charles Ryan                  | to Margaret Van Sickle C.W.                      | Mar. 25, 1861 |
| Edward Hong                   | Witnesses: Bessie Lyster, Bridget McDermott      |               |
|                               | to Mary Radcliff Sandwich                        | Apr. 1, 1861  |
|                               | Witnesses: James Radcliff, Cath. O'Keefe         |               |
|                               | to Lucy Johnston                                 | May 19, 1861  |
|                               | Witnesses: Nelson Goychee, Ira Burns             |               |
|                               | to Hannah B. Read                                | June 8, 1861  |
|                               | Witnesses: James McDonald, George Grange         |               |
|                               | to Mary Louise James (Janes)                     | July 2, 1861  |
|                               | Witnesses: Capt. James, Kate Ward                |               |
|                               | to Sarah Perry                                   | July 18, 1861 |
|                               | to Mattie V. Quackenboss                         | Aug. 24, 1861 |
|                               | to Mary L. Kirby                                 | Oct. 1861     |
|                               | to Catharine Sullivan                            | Oct. 2, 1861  |
|                               | Witnesses: M. H. Hunter, Mrs. J. M. Biddle       |               |
|                               | to Hannah Doran                                  | Oct. 14, 1861 |
|                               | Witnesses: John & Helen O'Brien                  |               |
|                               | to Margaret J. Christy                           |               |
|                               | to Elizabeth A. Manuell                          | Oct. 27, 1862 |
|                               | Witness: Miss Lyster                             |               |
|                               | to Sarah Stott                                   | Oct. 22, 1861 |
|                               | Witnesses: John Bridge, Alex Hollis              |               |
|                               | to Sarah C. Cambell                              | Oct. 26, 1861 |
|                               | Witnesses: Samuel Longloss, L. T. Griffin        |               |
|                               | to Emma Thompson                                 | Oct. 28, 1861 |
|                               | Witnesses: Louise Smith, Mary L.                 |               |
|                               | to Marie Bartlett                                | Nov. 5, 1861  |
|                               | Witness: McDrew ?                                |               |

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| Sam'l Stevens            | to Laura C. Boyce                           | Nov. 5, 1861  |
| Parke Bond               | Witnesses: ---- Bishop Esq., D. Rose        |               |
| Sylvester Thursten       | to Mary L. Ronald                           | Nov. 6, 1861  |
| Henry Seabury            | Witnesses: Henry Copper, C. Castle          |               |
| Alexander Shule          | to Isabel He                                | Nov. 11, 1861 |
| John L. Solo             | Witnesses: John Thrasher, Elizabeth E.      |               |
| Wiley C. Tolby           | to Dora Brown                               | Nov. 13, 1861 |
| William Wells            | Witnesses: Francis Jameson, Elisabeth Brown |               |
| John Laurie              | to Daisy McKee                              | Dec. 2, 1861  |
| John S. Jackson C.W.     | Witnesses: Rich. McKee, Mrs. McCoskrey      |               |
| DeWitt C. Smith          | to Naomi Griffith                           |               |
| William Mc Conley        | Witnesses: William Griffith, John Welsh     |               |
| Hugh Baxter              | to May West                                 | Jan. 13, 1862 |
| Patrick Haggerty         | to Mary D                                   | Jan. 14, 1862 |
| Hugh Gillis              | Witness: Col. R. Smith                      |               |
| Frederich Wilman         | to Mary Jane Hill                           | Jan. 3, 1862  |
| George M.                | Witnesses: Ann B., Thomas Gidley            |               |
| George Brown             | to Anne Resdale C.W.                        | Jan. 29, 1862 |
| Henry White Indian       | to Lucinda Denton                           | Feb. 6, 1862  |
| John Ingersoll           | to Margaret Roberson                        | Feb. 6, 1862  |
| William McHugh           | to Jane McDonald London                     |               |
| John Haslitt             | Witnesses: Tho. McDonald, Alex Walker       |               |
| Capt. A. Mann            | to Anne G.                                  | Apr. 5, 1862  |
| Geo. W----               | Witnesses: N. Car, Hugh Baxter              |               |
| George Kelly ? C.W.      | to Christine McCloud                        | Apr. 6, 1862  |
| Frederick Ward           | Witnesses: W. A. Allen, Alex. McMillia      |               |
| Joseph Paddock           | to Louisa Mitsfeld                          | Apr. 30, 1862 |
| James Neal               | Witnesses: Charles Mitsfeld, Alma Block     |               |
| Henry Jackson            | to Rebecca Ford                             | May 22, 1862  |
| John W. McLeod           | to Mary Ca                                  | Sept. 6, 1862 |
| Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock | Witnesses: Margaret Conway, Bessie Lyster   |               |
| William Conner           | to Ellen O'Neil                             | Nov. 24, 1862 |
| Patrick Nevin            | to Julia Barnum                             | Nov. 27, 1862 |
| Michael Keefe            | Witnesses: Mr. Armstrong, Miss ?            |               |
| Charles Mortimer         | to Catharine Connor                         | Nov. 29, 1862 |
| Edward Montgomery        | Witnesses: Charles B., H ?                  |               |
|                          | to Harriet Lark ? C.W.                      | Dec. 3, 1862  |
|                          | Witnesses: Job Rogers, Elizabeth Lark       |               |
|                          | to Martha Charles                           | Dec. 3, 1862  |
|                          | Witnesses: Mr. & Mrs. A. Wilkens            |               |
|                          | to Julia Gibbon                             | Dec. 3, 1862  |
|                          | Witnesses: Rich. Gibbon, Julia Page         |               |
|                          | to Catharine Hopper                         | Dec. 24, 1862 |
|                          | Witnesses: Miss ----, B---- L----           |               |
|                          | to Nancy D                                  | Dec. 23, 1862 |
|                          | to Catharine Nolan                          | Dec. 30, 1862 |
|                          | Witness: ? Nolan                            |               |
|                          | to Mary Thompson                            | Jan. 3, 1863  |
|                          | Witnesses: M. H. Fox, Kate Joy              |               |
|                          | to Dora ----                                |               |
|                          | to Hannah Mahoney                           | Feb. 6, 1863  |
|                          | to Anna L. Sanger                           | Jan. 19, 1863 |
|                          | Witnesses: H. K. Sage, Alpha Breuer         |               |
|                          | to Mary O'Brien                             | Feb. 3, 1863  |
|                          | Witnesses: M. H. Godfrey, Emma Stafford     |               |
|                          | to Sarah McCormick                          | Feb. 5, 1863  |
|                          | Witnesses: James & Mary Foster Malden       |               |
|                          | to Elizabeth Patterson                      | Feb. 5, 1863  |
|                          | Witnesses: Jeremiah Bresler, Ellen Wall     |               |
|                          | to Josephine Hutton                         | Feb. 25, 1863 |
|                          | to Isabella Hutton                          | Feb. 25, 1863 |

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| Grosby J. Ryan                             | to Elizabeth Esdell                                | Mar. 2, 1863   |
| John McKay                                 | Witnesses: Sarah Esdell, George Whitney            |                |
| Peter Quinn                                | to Catherine McFel                                 | Mar. 3, 1863   |
| Joseph Brown                               | Witnesses: John Brown, Geo. Mayett                 |                |
| Alfred Thurlby                             | to Ann Harty                                       | Mar. 5, 1863   |
| Christopher Peelau (Peelan?)<br>Colchester | Witnesses: Pat & Ann Hartey                        |                |
| Henry W. Wilton Detroit                    | to Mary Conelly                                    | Mar. 21, 1863  |
| George Davis                               | Witnesses: Richard C. Ludlow, Mrs. E. Vasey        |                |
| George Smith                               | to Elizabeth Tate                                  | Mar. 25, 1863  |
| Rev. Haman B. Burgess                      | Witnesses: John Nork, Sarah Rease                  |                |
| Thomas Baxter Chatham                      | to Mary Costello                                   | Apr. 1, 1863   |
| Jesse Edwards                              | Witnesses: Edward Gurley, Jeremiah Birney          |                |
| Henry Lawrence Romulus                     | to Martha Burbart                                  | Apr. 11, 1863  |
| Matthew Hanna                              | Witnesses: James P. Wilton, Mary Burbart           |                |
| R. Henry Townsend                          | to Mary Corns                                      | Apr. 16, 1863  |
| Elisha H. Forsyth                          | Witnesses: Elizabeth Corns, ---- Sprague           |                |
| Sylvester Williams                         | to Catherine Leonard                               | Apr. 18, 1863  |
| Henry Kingston                             | Witnesses: Mary A. Murphy, Ann McGurty             |                |
| William C. West                            | to Cornelia Dooley                                 | Apr. 21, 1863  |
| Charles Atwater Detroit                    | Witnesses: Rev. T. Dooley, Mr. Knill               |                |
|  | to Mary Anna Mirran                                | May 26, 1863   |
|  | Witnesses: Henry Bartliff, Mary Baxter             |                |
|  | to Mary Driscoll                                   | June 20, 1863  |
|  | Witnesses: Benjamin Guinney, Ellen Driscoll        |                |
|  | to Margaret Hurley Detroit                         | June 22, 1863  |
|  | Witnesses: Ann McGurty, P. Ann McGuire             |                |
|  | to Catherine Mahoney                               | Sept. 2, 1863  |
|  | Witnesses: James D----, Catherine D----            |                |
|  | to Catherine Costigan                              | Sept. 3, 1863  |
|  | Witnesses: Joannah Odell, Mrs. McCookry            |                |
|  | to Elizabeth Wagner                                | Sept. 10, 1863 |
|  | Witnesses: Sylvester Williams, Robert B. Forsyth   |                |
|  | to ---- Deshon                                     | Sept. 10, 1863 |
|  | to Rose Ward                                       | Sept. 17, 1863 |
|  | Witnesses: Harriet Smith, Mary Donovan             |                |
|  | to Ann Beatty                                      | Oct. 5, 1863   |
|  | Witnesses: S. K. Stanton, Margaret Smith           |                |
|  | to Josephine C. Montgomery New Haven,              |                |
|  | Conn. Oct. 8, 1863                                 |                |
|  | Witnesses: Harvey Montgomery, Rochester Montgomery |                |

Marriages performed by Rev. Milton C. Lightner

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| Henry Shipley Flint, Mich.    | to Elizabeth Carter London, C.W.               | Oct. 14, 1863 |
| Thomas Gibson Detroit         | Witnesses: Peter E. DeMill, Allen A. Rabineau  |               |
| William Brown Wayne County    | to Mary Hanlan Detroit                         | Oct. 19, 1863 |
| Emile Voissard                | Witness: Peter E. DeMill                       |               |
| Abraham Wood 26 Sandwich CW   | to Rebecca Pattison Wayne County               | Oct. 28, 1863 |
| George H. Buck 43 Adrian Mich | Witnesses: Joseph Pattison, Thomas Pattison    |               |
| George W. Larkin              | to Elizabeth Borchens                          | Oct. 30, 1863 |
|                               | Witnesses: Daniel & Mary Rose                  |               |
|                               | to Caroline Hollenworth 24 Sandwich CW         | Nov. 23, 1863 |
|                               | Witnesses: Thomas Taylor, Ann Taylor           |               |
|                               | to Opha M. Cowles 26 Adrian Mich               | Nov. 24, 1863 |
|                               | Witnesses: Lewis L. Welton, Hiram S. Freeman   |               |
|                               | to Ann Newton                                  | Dec. 24, 1863 |
|                               | Witnesses: A. F. Martin, Amelia Qinnessnan (?) |               |

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FRANKLIN - Old 8th Society Burying Ground - CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS  
 Contributed by Kendall P. Hayward, East Hartford, Conn.

The published Franklin, Conn. Church Records, (1938), devote - in Section V. pp. 90-92 - the section to Deaths in the Pautipaug Hill Cong. Church, beginning with the first burial in the cemetery dated 1763. The following records add to and supplement the list of published deaths. Some of the deaths belong to the first Franklin Society, or the 2nd Norwich - West Farms Society.

The original settlement of Norwich comprised the area now consisting of the towns of Norwich, Franklin, Bozrah, Lisbon, Sprague, and the north section of Preston.

The oldest burying ground called the Post-Dager cemetery contained no headstones; the inscriptions for the 1st Society or Norwichtown have been published separately (1933); the inscriptions for the old 2nd Society or Franklin 1st Society have been published in the New England Register, Vol. 86, p. 372 (Birchard's Plain Cemetery); the Kinsman Cemetery at Vassal's Sta. located in Lisbon, or the old 3rd Norwich Society, have been published in the New England Register, Vol. 86, p. 388; the inscriptions for the Norwich, Conn. Episcopal Church have been published in the New England Register, Vol. 60, p. 16; the Long Society, Fifth Soc., or East Norwich, which in 1786 became the 2nd Preston Society, cemetery inscriptions have been published in the New England Register Vol. 60, p. 121.

Inscriptions from the 8th Society

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| 1763 | April 10 | Bethiah, wife of William Brett in her 58th year. Footstone reads:<br>Mrs. Bethiah / Brett, the / First / Parson Buried / here. |
| 1763 | May 6    | Elisabeth wife of Mr. Joseph Ayer in her 32d year.   |
| 1764 | March 28 | William Durkey, son of Mr. A.D. & Mrs. E.D. in his 3d year.  |
| 1764 | ---- 16  | Mary Durkey, dau. of Mr. A.D. & Mrs. E.D. in her **** year.  |
| 1764 | Dec. 23  | Elisabeth, dau. to Joseph and Elisabeth Ayer, aged 9 months.   |
| 1765 | Jan. 7   | infant of Solomon & Hannah Stoddard.   |
| 1766 | July 19  | Esther dau. of Jeremiah & Jerusha Ladd in her 13th year.   |
| 1767 | Oct. 28  | Joseph, son to ye Rev. Jesse Ives & Mrs. Sarah, Aet. 3 yrs, 8 months.  |
| 1768 | Oct. 14  | Capt. Jedidiah Perkins in his 44th year.   |
| 1769 | ----     | infant of Solomon and Hannah Stoddard.   |
| 1770 | March 16 | Capt. Jonathon Pitcher in his 64th year.   |
| 1771 | May 2    | Elisabeth dau. of Lt. Joseph Ayer & Mrs. Mary, in her 5th year.  |
| 1771 | July 23  | Asenath, dau. of Joseph & Abigail Hyde in her 2nd year.  |
| 1771 | Sept. 18 | Timothy Ayer in his 73rd year.   |
| 1773 | ----     | infant of Solomon & Hannah Stoddard.   |
| 1774 | Nov. 7   | Abigail, 1st consort of Joseph Hyde in her 29th year.  |
| 1775 | Feb. 11  | Hannah wife of Samuel Ladd died in her 37th year.  |
| 1775 | April 26 | Joseph Tenney in his 77th year.  |
| 1776 | June 6   | Earl Fillmore, son of Comfort and Zerviah Fillmore, in his 4th year.   |
| 1777 | June 3   | Phoebe, wife of Dr. John Barker in her 44th year.  |
| 1777 | Sept. 14 | Sarah, dau. of Daniel and Mrs. Hannah Paring in her 21st year.   |
| 1778 | Dec. 10  | Simon Abell in his 58th year.  |
| 1779 | Feb. 26  | Mehitable wife of Capt. Jonathon Pitcher in her 76th year.   |
| 1784 | Jan. 22  | Deacon Jacob Hyde in his 79th year.  |
| 1786 | Aug. 27  | Elijah Ladd, son to Ezekiel and Ruth Ladd in his 16th year.  |
| 1789 | May 1    | Abigail, widow of Timothy Ayer in her 85th year.   |
| 1790 | March 29 | Stephen Armstrong, son of John & Mary Armstrong, in his 33d year.  |
| 1791 | Jan. 3   | John Armstrong in his 61st year.   |
| 1791 | March 10 | Mary, widow of John Armstrong, in her 75th year.   |
| 1791 | June 13  | Dr. John Barker in his 61st year.  |
| 1793 | May 8    | Sabra, wife of Joseph Ladd in her 50th year.   |
| 1793 | Oct. 13  | Joseph Ayer in his 61st year.  |
| 1794 | May 1    | Eunice, dau. of Elijah and Elisabeth Phelps in her 21st year.  |
| 1796 | May 25   | Lydia, dau. of Joseph and Mary Ayer in her 15th year.  |
| 1796 | Sept. 26 | Joseph Hazen in his 80th year.   |
| 1797 | Feb. 13  | Clarissa, dau. of Joseph and Mary Ayer in her 20th year.   |
| 1797 | Feb. 17  | Sabra, dau. of Bailey and Sabra Ayer, ae. 1 year.  |

1797 Feb. 27 Hopestill Armstrong in his 84th year. (Franklin Church records page 92 under this entry list Hepzibah Armstrong in her 84th year ??)  
 1797 April 19 Samuel Ladd in his 66th year.  
 1797 May 24 Elisabeth, wife of Joseph Hazen in her 77th year.  
 1798 Jan. 13 Chester Ladd, of smallpox, aged 28 years.  
 1798 May 13 Jerusha, wife of Jeremiah Ladd in her 74th year.  
 1798 Oct. 4 Capt. Joshua Smith in his 70th year.  
 1798 Nov. 10 Anna, widow of Solomon Stoddard, in her 86th year.  
 1799 Feb. 14 Hannah, consort of Aaron Bailey in her 35th year.  
 1800 Sept. 13 Jeremiah Ladd in his 77th year.  
 1802 Aug. 11 Joseph Hyde in his 66th year.  
 1803 July 20 Ezakiel Ladd, who was suddenly killed at the raising of a barn, in his 72d year.  
 1804 Sept. 30 Diana, dau. of Asahel & Rebecca Ladd as 20 months.  
 1805 Feb. 26 Amaziah Bosworth in his 79th year.  
 1805 Sept. 23 Ledi, son of Asahel & Rebecca Ladd, as. --.  
 1806 Aug. 20 Rebeckah, wife of Hopestill Armstrong, in her 89th year.  
 1807 Sept. 18 Samuel Raymond as. 86.  
 1807 Dec. 28 Elijah Griswold in his 65th year.  
 1808 Sept. 15 Henry son to Martin and Abigail Abell as. 25 years.  
 1809 Aug. 8 Nabby, wife of Simeon Hazen, as. 39.  
 1809 Dec. 11 Phidias, son of Asahel & Rebecca Ladd, as. 2 months.  
 1810 Sept. 19 Abigail wife of Martin Abell, in her 57th year.  
 1811 Jan. 17 Lucy Raymond, wife of Samuel Raymond, as. 88.  
 1811 March 24 Zaccheus Armstrong in his 63rd year.  
 1811 Oct. 30 Temperance Perkins, relict of Capt. Jedidiah Perkins, in her 84th year.  
 1812 July 11 Moses Hazen as. 80 years.  
 1813 May 15 John Cook as. 65 years.  
 1813 Aug. 10 Abigail, wife of Samuel Ladd, in her 40th year.  
 1813 Sept. 4 Solomon Stoddard aged 82 years.  
 1814 Jan. 24 Comfort Fillmore as. 72 years.  
 1814 Jan. 29 Mary, 2nd wife of Joseph Ayer, in her 74th year.  
 1814 Sept. 5 Jabez Ladd in his 38th year.  
 1815 Jan. 20 Miss Philena Ladd as. 53 years.  
 1815 March 16 Tabitha wife of Amaziah Bosworth in her 89th year.  
 1816 June 1 Orphana, wife of James Otis, as. 52 years.  
 1817 April 13 Martin Abell as. 63 years.  
 1818 Nov. 7 Susan, wife of Vaniah Abell, as. 45.  
 1819 May 19 Rosamund dau. of Peter & Polly Robinson, in her 25th year.  
 1819 Sept. 28 Lydia relict of Martin Abell as. 53.  
 1820 March 18 Zarviah, wife of Comfort Fillmore, as. 72 years.  
 1821 Sept. -- Ruth Ladd, wife of Ezekiel Ladd, as. 78.  
 1835 Feb. 12 Anna, wife of John Cook, as. 84.  
 1839 Feb. 9 Julietta, 2nd wife of Joseph Hyde, as. 76.  
 1823 July 4 Mrs. Lydia, wife of Zaccheus Armstrong, aged 73 years.  
 1825 April 25 Miss Unice Armstrong died aged 74 years.  
 1834 March 20 James Otis died aged 80.  
 1861 Oct. 21 Harriett, wife of Rev. Hiel Fillmore, aged 54 years.  
 1852 Aug. 19 Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Hiel Fillmore, died aged 49 years.  
 1847 April 5 Amaziah Fillmore died aged 82.  
 1844 Sept. 3 Hannah, wife of Amaziah Fillmore, in her 76th year.  
 1851 July 13 Martin Abell aged 59 years.  
 1850 May 6 Polly, wife of Martin Abell, aged 67 years.  
 1841 Sept. 23 Samuel Ladd aged 73 years.  
 1852 Sept. 3 Vaniah Abell aged 79 years.  
 1864 June 29 Lucy, wife of Vaniah Abell, aged 77 years.  
 1864 July 22 Simeon Hazen aged 95 years.  
 1847 Oct. 10 Mrs. Temperance, wife of Simeon Hazen, aged 68 years.  
 1833 May 18 Darius Ladd in his 58th year.  
 1847 Oct. 11 Mary, widow of Bailey Ayer and formerly wife of Darius Ladd, aged 72.  
 1866 March 20 Darius Ladd aged 38 years.  
 1851 Oct. 24 Kleazar Ayer aged 74 years.

1854 Feb. 12      Rebecca, wife of Eleazar Ayer, aged 74 years.  
 1821 Jan. 11      Polly, wife of Caleb Griswold, aged 42 years.  
 1840 Sept. 22      Mahala, wife of Caleb Griswold, aged 57 years.  
 1830 July 3      Peter Robinson aged 64 years.  
 1846 Sept. 16      Polly, wife of Peter Robinson, aged 81 years.  
 1844 Nov. 20      Bailey Ayer aged 75 years.  
 1826 May 11      Sabra, wife of Bailey Ayer, aged 54 years.  
 1825 Jan. 23      Mary, dau. of Joseph and Mary Ayer died aged 50 years.  
 1849 Sept. 17      Austin Ayer aged 45 years, (Stone cut by Rockwell, Norwich).  
 1897 May 17      Ruby A. Frink wife of Austin Ayer aged 86 years.

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SOME INSCRIPTIONS from KING CEMETERY  
 Glen Falls, Warren Co., N.Y.  
 Contributed by Mrs. John G. Gonseth

LYDIA, wife of ABRAM FOSTER, d. 1813 ae 39.  
 THOMAS FLEMING, d. 1835 ae. 75; NANCY his wife 1879 ae. 88 (80?)  
 MAJOR THOMAS BRADSHAW, d. 1831 ae 77; his wife ANNA, d. 1806 ae 44.  
 SETH ALLEN, d. 1825 as 46; his son KING ALLEN b. 1804.  
 SABRINA STEWART, wife of LEVI, d. 1848 ae 51.  
 DELILAH, wife of LEVI d. 1857 ae 50.  
 SENECA, son of SOLOMON and SUSANNAH KING, 1821 as 19.  
 MERCY, 3rd wife of SOLOMON KING, d. 1849 ae 80.  
 SOLOMON, died 1854 ae 92.  
 JAMES, d. 1808 ae 48. (I think it means JAMES KING)  
 ESTHER, his wife d. 1836 ae 71.  
 CLARISSA, dau. of JAMES and ESTHER, d. 1825 ae. 38.  
 LEVI STEWART, d. 1878 ae. 89.  
 MERCY, 1825 ae. 54.  
 SENDONA MARTIN, wife of GARDNER MARTIN d. June 22, 1831 ae. 41.  
 GARDNER MARTIN, d. Dec. 23, 1830, ae. 42.  
 ZINA P. MARTIN, died 1845 ae. 26.  
 ANNA, wife of CAPT. EPHENETUS PLATT, d. at Ballston 1828 ae. 62.  
 SAMUEL PLATT, b. at New Milford, Conn., d. 1823 ae. 62.  
 HEPZIBAH, his wife d. 1843 ae. 70.  
 SUSANNAH, wife of SOLOMON KING, d. 1809 in 43rd yr.  
 MARGARET, wife of SOLOMON KING, d. 1819 ae. 49.  
 JOHN DUER, d. 1853, ae. 74.  
 JOSEPH B. DUER, d. 184- ae 34.  
 SAMUEL P. son of H.L. and C.M. DOUBLEDAY, d. 1862 ae 16.  
 CATHARINE M. wife of HORACE L. DOUBLEDAY, d. 1860 ae 50.  
 SAMUEL R. PLATT, d. 1852 ae. 39.  
 SAMUEL, son of AARON and TAMAR HAND, d. 1801 ae 4.  
 DORCAS, wife of BENJAMIN WELLS and dau. of JOEL and THANKFUL WINCHIP, d. 1814 ae. 28.  
 MOSES GILBERT, d. 1822 ae 78; ANNA, his wife d. 1822 ae. 49.  
 LEMON W. BURTON, b. Oct. 1, 1832, d. Oct. 3, 1865.  
 SAMUEL BURTON, b. Oct. 7, 1828.  
 SOPHIA, wife of AMASA BURTON, b. June 3, 1808.  
 AMASA, b. July 9, 1800.  
 SAMUEL COLE, d. 1834 ae. 74.  
 NAOMI, wife of JOHN DUERS d. 1827, ae. 46; LUCY, his wife, d. 1834, ae 49.  
 FRELOVE, wife of ROGER KNAPP, b. Dec. 18, 177-, d. at Glen Falls, N.Y., Dec. 3, 1856.  
 EBENEZER LATIMER, d. Feb. 10, 1817 in 84th yr.  
 SQUIRE LATIMER, d. 1811, ae. 24.  
 JOSEPH BRADLE, d. 1822 ae. 63.  
 HANNAH, his wife d. 1826, ae. 66.

NEWTON-PRITCHARD-WOODRUFF BIBLE RECORDS  
 Contributed by Ceylon Newton Woodruff  
 Glendale, California

These records are from the Newton Family Bible, Old & New Testament, Pub. by S. Andrus and Son, Hartford (Conn.) 1858. In possession of the contributor.

**BIRTHS** John P. Newton born August 5th, 1828  
 Marcia E. Pritchard was born June 6th, 1833  
 Adda Maria Newton born August 15th, 1861  
 Matthew Krasus Newton born December 21st, 1863  
 Jennie Pritchard Newton born November 13th, 1865  
 Carrie Emeline Newton born March 4th, 1868  
 Mary Elizabeth Newton born March 28th, 1871

**MARRIAGES** on 20th of August 1858 John Newton of Granger to Marcia Pritchard of Hinkley  
 30th of January 1884 Adda Maria Newton to Arthur M. Pulsifer of Medina (Ohio)  
 on 25th of December 1889 Matthew Newton of Medina to Adeline Reedner of Cleveland  
 January 22nd, 1890 George Woodruff of Medina to Mary Newton of Medina.  
 May 22nd, 1901 Carrie E. Newton to Christian Hoover both of Medina  
 Ceylon Woodruff married to Mildred Kirkpatrick June 10th, 1917

**BIRTHS** Marshall Pritchard was born Sept. 13, 1802  
 Emeline L. Payne was born Feb. 26th, 1810  
 Krasus Pritchard was born May 12th, 1800  
 Catherine Pritchard was born May 26, 1830  
 Ceylon Newton Woodruff born Feb. 3d, 1893  
 Junior Ross Woodruff born Dec. 8th, 1918  
 James Newton Woodruff born May 29, 1925

**DEATHS** Amos Pritchard died Feb. 15, 1821 Age 60 yrs.  
 Lemira Pritchard died July 18, 1840 Age 70 yrs.  
 Marshall Pritchard died Aug. 4, 1879 Age 76, 10 mo. 24 da.  
 Emeline L., Wife of Marshall P. died Aug. 3, 1868 age 58 yrs.  
 Catherine Pritchard died Feb. 23, 1831 Age 9 months.  
 Krasus Pritchard died May - 1862 Age 62 yrs.

Jennie Pritchard Newton died in Cleveland, Nov. 21, 1886 age 21 yr.  
 John Newton died Dec. 30th, 1897 Age 69 yrs. 4 mo. 22 days.  
 Marcia E. Newton died Jan. 30th, 1919  
 Mary Elizabeth Newton Woodruff died April 4, 1935.

"The Holy Bible, containing Old & New Testaments & The Apocrypha with Canne's marginal notes and references. An index, table of weights & measures etc." Published by Daniel D. Smith, stereotyped by E. White, New York 1826. On the fly leaf is written "Marshall Pritchards Book Bought May 1827"

**BIRTHS** Marshall Pritchard born September 12, 1802  
 Emeline Payne born February 26, 1810

**MARRIAGES** Marshall Pritchard married to Emeline Payne March 26, 1829  
 Marshall Pritchard married to Maryette Hanks Nov. 14, 1867

**DEATHS** Catherine Pritchard born May 26, 1830 died Feb. 23, 1831  
 Emeline L. wife of Marshall Pritchard died Aug. 3, 1868 age 58 yr  
 Marshall Pritchard died Aug. 4, 1879 aged 76 yrs. 10 mo. 24 days  
 Amos Pritchard died February 15, 1831 Age 60  
 Lemira (Loundsbury) Pritchard died July 18, 1840 aged 70 yrs.

Within this Bible was pasted an additional sheet containing the following PRITCHARD family statistics. "Left by Amy Pritchard Sherman"

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|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Amos Pritchard     | b. Oct. 15, 1770  | d. Apr. 15, 1831  |
| Lemira Pritchard   | b. Apr. 9, 1770   | d. July 18, 1840  |
| Asel Pritchard     | b. Aug. 30, 1792  | d. Dec. 14, 1869  |
| Roxana Pritchard   | b. May 11, 1794   | d. Aug. 8, 1870   |
| Harvey Pritchard   | b. May 9, 1796    | d. March 9, 1829  |
| Marinda Pritchard  | b. July 13, 1798  | d. Oct. 18, 1869  |
| Erastus Pritchard  | b. May 11, 1800   | d. May 18, 1863   |
| Marshall Pritchard | b. Sept. 18, 1802 | d. Aug. 4, 1879   |
| Lovisa Pritchard   | b. Sept. 20, 1804 | d. April 18, 1811 |
| Ester Pritchard    | b. Oct. 28, 1807  | d. Aug. 5, 1887   |
| Betay Pritchard    | b. Nov. 9, 1810   | d. Dec. 11, 1893  |
| Isaac Pritchard    | b. May 3, 1813    | died - - -        |

The pages of Theodore Woodruff's Bible containing the family records were removed and were inherited by the contributor's father, George Aplin Woodruff and then later by the contributor C. N. Woodruff. The present location of the Bible is not known.

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| BIRTHS    | Theodore Woodruff was born Nov. 20, 1825  |
|           | Ruth Aplin was born Feb. 26th, 1824   |
|           | Catherine Woodruff was born Nov. 26th, 1849   |
|           | Elis B. Woodruff was born Jan. 22nd, 1851   |
|           | Lucy F. Woodruff was born April 30th, 1854  |
|           | Clarence Eugene Woodruff was born June 20th, 1857   |
|           | Mary Ida Woodruff was born March 13, 1860   |
|           | Thomas David Woodruff was born Sept. 3d, 1861   |
|           | George Aplin Woodruff was born July 20th, 1865  |
| MARRIAGES | Theodore Woodruff and Ruth Aplin married Feb. 8th, 1848   |
|           | Miss Kate Woodruff and C. Trusdell married Oct. 30, 1872  |
|           | Miss Lucy Woodruff and Cyrus Weatherby married Nov. 4, 1874   |
|           | George A. Woodruff and Mary E. Newton were united in marriage by Rev. G. H. Demon on Jan. 22nd, 1890  |
| DEATHS    | Elis B. Woodruff died Sept. 22nd, 1853  |
|           | Thomas David Woodruff died May 7th, 1864  |
|           | Theodore Woodruff died Oct. 30th 1873 aged 47 yr. 11 mo. 10 days                                      |
|           | Clarence Eugene Woodruff died Aug. 10th 1877  |
|           | Mary I. Woodruff died July 19th 1879  |
|           | Lucy F. Woodruff died Nov. 8th, 1879  |
|           | Kate (Catherine) Trusdell died Feb. 3, 1907 aged 57.  |
|           | Mary Elizabeth Newton wife of George Woodruff died at Medina, Ohio, April 4th, 1935 in her 64th year. |

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MOWRY-LEWIS-HUBBELL BIBLE RECORD  
Contributed by Russell E. Bidlack

From "The Holy Bible, Stereotyped by James Conner, N.Y., Pub. by N. and J. White, No. 108 Pearl St., N.Y. 1832." This Bible is deposited in the General Library of the University of Michigan. The Family Register is on the leaves between the Old and New Testaments.

Cheshire, March 28th, 1802, Married Mr. Elisha Mowry to Miss Barbara Barker

Births      Maria Mowry born Jan. 20th 1803  
              Tebina Montague Mowry born Oct. 26th 1804

Heathcote Murison Mowry born Nov. 6th 1806  
 James Barker Mowry born April 26th 1809  
 Elisha Rodney Mowry born Aug. 24th 1811  
 Israel Mowry born May 15th 1814  
 Maria Louisa Mowry born Jan. 23rd 1820

Deaths      Maria Mowry died Feb. 11th 1804  
 Elisha R. Mowry died Aug. 1830  
 Elisha Mowry died March 1853  
 Israel Mowry died Feb. 8, 1872  
 Harriett A. Mowry died Sept. 7th 1880

Married May 21st 1803 Mr. Judson Whiting Lewis To Miss Anna McEwen

Births      Sarah Lewis born January 16th 1804  
 Henry Lewis born February 22d 1806  
 Sidney Judson Lewis born December 1st 1813  
 Stiles Lewis born January 10th 1817  
 Anna Jennett Lewis born November 21st 1820

Married Feb. 1830 Mr. Judson W. Lewis to Mrs. Nabby Thompson  
 Mr. Henry Lewis to Miss Susan Root Jan. 1832  
 Mr. Sidney J. Lewis to Miss Ann Tyler Nov. 3rd 1836

Anna Lewis died December 27th 1828

Madison Feb. 22d 1827   Married Mr. Zebina M. Mowry to Miss Sarah Lewis

Births      Henry Bounaparte Mowry born March 21st 1828  
 Emily Allaseba Mowry born Feb. 17th 1833  
 Ann Maria Mowry born June 26th 1837  
 Mary Montague Mowry born Nov. 14th 1843

Deaths      Sarah Mowry died March 7th 1845  
 Mary M. Mowry died Dec. 2d 1853  
 Emily A. Hubbell died Dec. 29th 1862  
 Flora Hubbell died Feb. 1850  
 Worden R. Hubbell died July 6th 1863  
 Ann M. Mowry died Nov. 23rd 1866  
 Zebina M. Mowry died August 1, 1874

Married - Milford Dec. 18th 1845 Zebina M. Mowry to Mary Ann Thompson  
 Sardis (?) F. Hubbell to Emily A. Mowry, Milford Aug. 1848  
 Henry B. Mowry to Mary S. White Milford Feb. 14th 1853

Elisha Mowry to Barbara Barker Cheshire March 28th 1802  
 Judson W. Lewis to Ann McEwen, Madison May 21st 1803  
 Zebina M. Mowry to Sarah Lewis, Madison Feb. 22nd 1829  
 Judson W. Lewis to Nabby Thompson, Madison Feb. 1830  
 Henry Lewis to Susan Root, Madison Jan. 1832  
 Sidney J. Lewis to Ann Tyler, Madison Nov. 3d 1836  
 Stiles Lewis to Belinda Marble, Madison May 1838  
 Dwight T. Williham to Ann Jennette Lewis, Ann Arbor Augst 28th 1839

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"Fifty or one hundred years may be allotted to an individual, but we stretch forwards beyond death with such hopes as religion and philosophy will suggest; and we fill up the silent vacancy that preceded our birth, by associating ourselves to the authors of our existence."

Edward Gibbon in his Memoirs

SOME CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS FROM CHAMPION, JEFFERSON CO., NEW YORK  
 Contributed by William B. Murray  
 Peoria, Illinois

While this is not a complete list of all the inscriptions in the Champion, N.Y. Cemetery, it is the majority of them. All the families named are related in some way. The contributor will be glad to answer inquiries of anyone interested in any of them.

AUSTIN, Arthur H. 1868  
 AUSTIN, Blanche D. his wife 1873-1905  
 AUSTIN, Milton A. son 1893-1905  
 AUSTIN, Karl S. son 1899-1900  
 COOK, Victor H. Oct. 28, 1863; d. Aug. 12, 1926  
 COOK, Emily Woolworth his wife Jan. 11, 1873; d. Apr. 17, 1945  
 GRANGER, Elihu b. Aug. 10, 1767; d. Mar. 19, 1835  
 GRANGER, Chloe Sage, wife, b. July 14, 1769; d. Nov. 7, 1825  
 HARRIS, Guilford 1824-1896  
 HARRIS, Ambrosia McNitt, wife 1826-1911  
 HARRIS, Hattie Laura, dau. 1858-1879  
 HUBBARD, Stephen 1824-1898  
 HUBBARD, Hiram 1794-1888  
 HUBBARD, Charlle M. Sherwood, wife, 1803-1893  
 HUBBARD, George A. d. Mar. 11, 1884 ag. 58 yrs.  
 HUBBARD, Helen A. wife d. Apr. 29, 1872 aged 30 yrs.  
 HUBBARD, Frances J. 1835-1918 wife  
 HUBBARD, Charles b. Sept. 5, 1813 d. Mar. 24, 1884  
 HUBBARD, Fiana, wife, b. Feb. 28, 1814 d. Jan. 3, 1902  
 HUBBARD, Edward 1805-1892  
 HUBBARD, Maryetta wife, 1807-1884  
 HUBBARD, J. C. 1844-1922  
 HUBBARD, Addie C. Davis wife 1846-1895  
 HUBBARD, Myron A. 1873-1899  
 HUBBARD, Joel A. 1843-1923  
 HUBBARD, Ellen M. Stott wife 1845-1927  
 HUBBARD, Fred C. son 1865-1878  
 HUBBARD, Krathusia dau. 1872-1878  
 HUBBARD, Clement J. son 1868-1898  
 HUBBARD, Joel A. d. Jan. 16, 1888, ag. 81 y. 1 m. 26 d.  
 HUBBARD, Fanny W. wife, d. Oct. 7, 1883 ag. 74y 11m 13d  
 HUBBARD, Joel W. son d. Mar. 7, 1848 ag. 17y 9mo.  
 HUBBARD, J. Austin 1853-1932  
 HUBBARD, Marian wife 1859-1926  
 HUBBARD, Augustus d. Oct. 16, 1835 aged 22 yrs.  
 HUBBARD, Augustus son of Noahdiah & Unice d. Jan. 16, 1812 ag. 3y 2m 23d  
 HUBBARD, Noahdiah b. Middletown, Ct. Oct. 11, 1765 d. Jan. 12, 1859  
 HUBBARD, Unice Ward wife July 30, 1773 d. Nov. 30, 1849  
 HUBBARD, Ward son 1797-1890  
 HUBBARD, Clarissa S. Fish wife 1808-1901  
 HUBBARD, Clement d. Apr. 8, 1874 aged 76 yrs.  
 HUBBARD, Cerathusia wife d. Mar. 10, 1872 aged 72 yrs  
 HUBBARD, Joel b. Aug. 30, 1773 d. Jan. 1, 1851  
 HUBBARD, Mercy Austin wife, b. Oct. 13, 1775 d. Aug. 6, 1860  
 IVES, Charles F. 1829-1896  
 KNOWLES, Henry Hubbard d. Aug. 22, 1897  
 KNOWLES, Russell b. July 29, 1799 d. July 1, 1885  
 KNOWLES, Wealthy A. wife b. Apr. 1, 1803 d. Jan. 4, 1903  
 McNITT, Egbert 1824-1898  
 McNITT, Sarah C. wife, 1838-1911  
 McNITT, Cornelia dau. 1873-1922  
 McNITT, Noah d. Mar. 26, 1866 ag. 7ly 9mo 20d  
 McNITT, Laura wife, d. Aug. 8, 1871 ag. 7ly 10m 16d

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| McNITT,    | F. H. 1830-1917  |
| McNITT,    | P. C. wife, 1835-1916  |
| SAGE,      | Col. Elias b. Sandisfield, Mass., Feb. 27, 1799 d. Aug. 25, 1884 |
| SAGE,      | Emily O. Rundell wife, b. Nov. 19, 1817 d. Dec. 28, 1896         |
| SAGE,      | Hannah White wife, b. Apr. 1, 1802 d. Oct. 25, 1844              |
| WOOLWORTH, | S. A. 1842-1908  |
| WOOLWORTH, | Martha Sage wife, 1849-1921                                      |

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MORE HANDS ACROSS THE SEA  
Contributed by Mrs. Frances Hayes  
Riverside, California

Editor's Note: When Mrs. Hayes wrote to our corresponding secretary about her genealogical problems, Miss Hathaway suggested that she write to the English towns where her ancestors had lived. The result was a truly delightful correspondence with L. M. Chowns, Honorary Clerk, of the Shadoxhurst Parish Council, Ashford, Kent. While we reproduce here only the part of Mr. Chowns' letters that are of general interest for what may be found in England and possible costs if a correspondent may be found, it is fully evident from the letters that this is one of the unique contacts that make amateur genealogy such a fascinating pursuit. At the same time Mr. Chowns was running about looking in churchyards and church registers, he was also building himself a house on weekends and evenings. Any of our members might well try such an experiment as did Mrs. Hayes. Do not expect, however, to find a Mr. Chowns at the end of an experimental blind letter to England. But if by the greatest of good luck you do so, see that you make return of something more substantial than thanks. This sort of interchange can be not only of genealogical value, it can also create international good will and friendship.

"I was very surprised and interested to receive your letter asking for information regarding Thomas Sutton. It is of great interest to me that an old Shadoxhurst resident has such a family tree!

"In the first instance I can correct one small matter in your record, and that is the name of the second parish concerned. This should read HINXHILL and not Flinxhill as stated. Hinshill is a very small parish of less than 100 inhabitants and has no parish council, but it has a representative on the Rural District Council. This man resides, curiously enough, in Hinshill Court Lodge (the house being more of a gentleman's residence than a farm in these days.)

"On Sunday last I went to Hinshill churchyard and investigated the tombstones. Three stones in a rather overgrown section of the graveyard adjoining the church are memorials to the members of the Sutton family. The stones are a little difficult to read but by taking rubbings I was able to read the inscriptions as they are today.

"It would appear that 'your' Thomas Sutton's grandfather is one of the names on the stones.

"As soon as I have been able to check our own churchyard at Shadoxhurst I will write to you again. On first results the investigation should prove interesting. A friend in my office at Ashford is also giving assistance in obtaining information at the Hinshill end.

P.S. I thank you for the stamps which were enclosed in your letter. Our own stamps must, of course, be used in posting letters in this country, but your stamps will interest my collector friends. You need not worry about reimbursing me for my efforts at this end as my wife and I are keenly interested in any historical investigations and will enjoy looking around our old Kent churches.

"If required I will send photographs (very amateurish ones!) of the churches and parishes concerned. In most cases the tombstones will not photograph well enough to show inscriptions.

"Inscription on tombstone in Churchyard at Hinshill, 3 miles East of Ashford, Kent.

"Here Lieth Body of THOMAS SUTTON who died Decr 30th 1775 in the 65th year  
of his... He left issue 1 Sons & Daughters Viz Judith William by a  
former wife Tho. John & Daniel by the latter. He was a kind husband  
a tender Father a good Neighbor and sincere Friend."

A second letter:

"Thank you for your two recent letters and for the gift packages which are on the way. No doubt, if they are aboard the 'United States' they will soon arrive!"

"With regard to your query regarding the Churches, the tombstones are nearly always in the churchyard adjoining the parish church, which is now Church of England. Very few burial grounds are attached to non-conformist churches or chapels, and only the towns have cemeteries."

"When I approached the Churchwarden at Shadorthurst to obtain permission to see the records he stated that with the last 18 months no fewer than 3 enquiries had been received from the U. S. of a similar nature. I noted in the record books that every entry of a 'Brown' had a pencilled mark alongside. Do you know whether any previous attempts have been made to trace the Sutton family at this end? The Church here are trying to stick to their scale of fees for the inspection of records, but as these seem excessive to me, I do not propose to pay them. The scale of charges is apparently as follows. 2/- for the first year investigated and 1/- a year every year earlier than this."

"As the records go back to 1725, this would be an expensive item (especially as I noted from my quick look over, that there were no Suttons mentioned!) However, most local church officials do not insist on any fees for inspection, and I think our own people are using the opportunity to try to raise funds for the repair of the church roof. Anyway, I paid 5/- for the information I managed to copy down in the short time available and left it at that."

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#### CORRECTION

DETROIT SOCIETY FOR GENERALOGICAL RESEARCH MAGAZINE, Vol. IV, No. 4, Apr. 1952, p. 107 - St. Paul's Marriage Records. Solme (Saline?) Wilhelm, who married Rudolph Graden, should be Salome. (See "The Reves Family", p. 273.)

#### ANSWER TO QUERY

1367: H-54: LOOMIS-SCOTT-STRUFT: Elizabeth Strutt, baptised May 15, 1594, Rattlesden, Eng., daughter of Christopher Scott and his wife Anne Waller of Rattlesden, was not the wife of Thomas Scott of Hartford, Conn., but of quite another Thomas Scott (1595-1653/4) born in Rattlesden, the son of Henry Scott of that town and his wife Martha Whatlock and who lived and died in Ipswich, Mass. He having married Elizabeth Strutt in Rattlesden July 20, 1620, they came over April, 1634, in the ship "Elizabeth" of Ipswich, England with their children, his widowed mother Martha Whatlock, and members of the Kimball and Goodell families.

It is true that the first wife of Thomas Scott of Hartford, Conn., was an Elizabeth, family name unknown as far as I know, who predeceased him as it was his wife Ann who survived him and later married Thomas Ford of Windsor, Conn. It will be noted that when Thomas Scott of Hartford was, according to Savage, "carelessly killed" November 6, 1643, Elizabeth Strutt and her husband Thomas Scott were still living in Ipswich, Mass.

Both Thomas Scotts had daughters named Elizabeth; the one of Ipswich marrying about 1645, John Spofford (1612-1678); the other of the Hartford line marrying 1648, Deacon John Loomis of Windsor, Conn.

The year of death of Elizabeth Strutt, wife of Thomas Scott of Ipswich, is indicated by the petition filed in the Probate Court at Salem, Mass., January 14, 1694 by a descendant, William Rogers, stating that she had died about fifteen years before, which would be about 1697 at the age of about eighty-five, having survived her husband by about twenty-five years.

Answered by Charles P. Staubach, Cocoa, Florida

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES  
Lewis F. Chase, Editor

1404: M-34: MURRAY-KELSEY:- Samuel Murray m. Chloe Kelsey of Kent, Conn. They had daus. Temperance, b. 1773, and Chloe, b. 1774. Samuel Murray was killed in 1776, and the widow and daus. moved to vicinity of Elmira, N.Y. Wish information on their descendants.

1405: M-34: HEWETT-FLOWER:- Electa Murray Hewett m. Pearl Flower. Their sons, Norman Murray Flower (1820-1886), lived in Fenton, Mich., and Lorenzo P. Flower lived in Mt. Clemens. There was, also a daughter, Sophronia Elizabeth. Wish information on their descendants.

1406: M-34: MURRAY:- Rev. Allen Murray (1793-1854) lived in Rome, N.Y., in the late 1850's. Children were Ashael, Calvin, Dorcas, Lucy, and Maria. Wish information on these children.

1407: M-70: FORD-FOORD:- Wish all available data on John Ford and James Foord of Ipswich, Mass., who served under Major Appleton in 1675. Was this James a son of Andrew Sr. of Weymouth, who, according to the History of Weymouth, was living Feb. 25, 1692/3?

1408: M-70: FOORD-KIMBALL:- Wish all available data on the Widow Foord whose marriage to Richard Kimball of Wenham is listed in the VR of Ipswich int. 30:9m: 1706. Was she the mother of Elizabeth Ford who m. Thomas Durkee, Mich 5, 1700, and Joseph Ford, who m. Elizabeth Hovey, Feb. 13, 1704/5?

1409: C-52: SMITH-BEARDSLEY:- Wish ancestry of Sarah Smith, b. 1767, d. 1851. She m. 1784, Levi Beardsley, son of Obediah and Amy (Calkins) Beardsley, of Fredericksburg, Dutchess Co., N.Y., later of Hoosic, and in 1790, of Richfield Springs, Otsego Co., N.Y. Children were: Sally, b. 1786, m. ---- Hoard; Obediah, b. 1788, m. Polly Tackels; Runice, b. 1791, m. ---- Adams; Jesse, b. 1793, m. Sophronia Porter; Elisha, b. 1795, m. Caroline Marvin; Sylvia, 1798, m. Calvin Davis, res. Mich.; Levi, b. 1800; William, b. 1802, m. Harriett ----. Jesse, Elisha, Sylvia, and William are not Beardsley names; perhaps they are Smith names. (This is a correction of query # 1360.)

1410: M-48: PENNOYER-SIMMS-GAY:- Wish parentage of John Pennoyer (Penoyer), b. 1775, d. 1841, m. 1798, Mary White. They had son, John, b. 1802, who m. Runice Simms. He is buried in Bangor, Mich. cemetery. Could Lt. John Pennoyer, b. 1754, and wife, Lettice Gay have been the parents of the first John mentioned?

1411: S-12: SWITZER:- Would like the names of the parents of Henry Switzer, b. 1744, d. 18--. His wife, b. 1753, d. 1840. Both b. New Jersey, and d. New York. Did the parents come from Germany or Switzerland?

1412: C-53: LINCOLN:- Seeking parentage of Elias Lincoln, b. May 13, 1778, d. June 17, 1877, m. Abigail ----, b. July 1, 1775, d. Nov. 14, 1861. They had dau., Lydia, b. June 2, 1809, at Danbury, Vt.

1413: C-53: JOHNSON-GAPWELL:- Wish parentage of Endfield Johnson (1770-1847), who m. Randall Gapwell (1769-1847), of Coventry, R.I.

1414: H-35: COURSON-DUNGAN:- Abraham Courson d. abt. Nov. 1, 1841. Lived Redbanke Twp., Clarion Co., Pa. He m. Elizabeth ----, and had: Adah, d. 1870; John, d. 1863, m. Nancy ----; Rachel, d. 1870; Wm., d. 1846, m. Mary; perhaps Henry and Isaac. Wish parentage of Abraham. He was, perhaps, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Dungan) Courson.

1415: H-35: PORTER-HAVENS-SHELDON:- Seneca Porter, b. 1813, Pawlet, Rutland Co., Vt., d. 1893, Superior, Wis. He m. 1st, 1837, Mary Havens, of Dorset, Vt. They had three ch.: Almeda, Dennis, and Mary. Seneca m. 2nd, Mary Jane Sheldon, 1843, and had: Catherine Jane, Julia, Alice, Albert, Ellen, Clara Emma, Jessie, Charity, and Addie. Seneca had a brother, Seth. Wish all available information on Seneca Porter.

1416: S-58: McDONALD:- Seeking more data on Finley McDonald and his family. He came from Scotland and settled in Canada, north of Toronto abt. 1840. He was a contractor and builder.

was said to have built the Old Stone Church at Beaverton, Ont., then in 1859, with his brother, built the station at Smith's Creek, near Pt. Huron. Later, he built stations and bridges for the U.P.R.R. in Nebraska and Wyoming. Do not know his death date, but believe it to have been about 1869. Am wondering if Donald G. McDonald, who lived in Beaverton, Ont., in 1871 could have been the brother. Finley McDonald had five children: Mary Anne, m. Archibald McKenzie, of Beaverton; Katharine, m. ---- Cameron, lived in Canada; Margaret, m. John Miller (Mueller), moved to Louisville, Ky.; Elizabeth, b. 1840, m. abt. 1871, Thomas Farrell, moved to Louisville; William, m. ---- Baker, settled in Lowell, Mich., also a builder.

1417: A-14: ASHBROOK:- Who can identify Thomas Ashbrook, who served as a private in Capt. Solomon Sibley's infantry company, 1st Regiment Michigan militia, War of 1812? I am compiling an Ashbrook family history and seeking data on all persons of that name.

1418: A-14: LEE:- Data wanted on Roswell Lee, Revolutionary Soldier from Columbia Co., N.Y.

1419: P-13: NILES-VINTON-WOODWARD:- Corrections wanted on this data: James Niles, son of James and Elizabeth (Vinton) Niles of Braintree, b. in Braintree, Sept. 1, 1772; m. about 1794 Mary Woodward of Willington, Ct. Removed to Cambridge, Mass., thence to Canada, thence to Canandaigua, N.Y. Mrs. Niles died about 1829. Children:

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| James, b. March 8, 1795 | Esther, b. July 18, 1800 |
| Ames, b. Oct. 16, 1796  | Elijah, b. Oct. 5, 1802  |
| Polly, b. Oct. 5, 1798  |                          |

There is much error in the Vinton Memorial on pages 167-168. Wanted the date of Mary Woodworth Niles death, the date of the second marriage of James Niles and the names of his five other children of the second marriage.

1420: C-45: PECKENPAUGH-RIDENOUR:- George Peter Peckenpaugh, born Germany, died 1785, Brownsville, Pennsylvania, married Catherine Tullis. Their children: Peter, born 1766; Fredrick, b. 1768; George, born 1770; Elizabeth, born 1772; Barbara, born 1774; Catherine, born 1776; Adam, b. 1777; Mary, b. 1780; Henry b. 1782; John, b. 1783 and Susanna, b. 1785.

Peter, b. 1766, married Barbara ---; lived in Breckenridge Co., Kentucky, later in Perry and Crawford Cos., Indiana. Was Ridenour the maiden name of Barbara? Desire list of children of Peter and Barbara Peckenpaugh with birthdates.

1421: Y-1: BAKER-CLAPP-MITCHELL:- A Garrett Hyer Baker married in Mantz, Cayuga Co., N.Y., Almina (Elmira) Clapp. He was born 1813, she in 1816, d. 1859. He m. 2nd Sally Mitchell. Their oldest child, Mary Eliza, was born 1835 in Allegan, Mich. Any data wanted.

1422: D-23: CHIDESTER-CHEDESTER-CHICHESTER-CHITTESTER:- Want data on the above families, as I am compiling a history of the American branches, and have over 14,000 names dating back to 1640 when James Chichester settled in Salem, Mass., from Devonshire, Eng. These spellings can be connected to the original ancestor.

1423: P-31: SKINNER-SINCLAIR:- Desire date of birth and death of Timothy Skinner, born between the years 1737-1745, son of Joseph Skinner, of Colchester, Conn., born 1707, and Martha Kinne of Salem. Timothy moved to Canada in 1784. He had brothers, Joseph, Daniel, Abner, Benjamin, Timothy, John, Josiah, Joseph and Haggai. He had sisters, Martha, Lydia, Huldah.

1424: P-31: SINCLAIR:- Ancestry of Samuel Sinclair, born May 1767? Received land at L'Etang on the Bay of Fundy Coast, in Canada. He was in Sunbury County, N.S., now New Brunswick in 1785 and had a grant of land on the Rusagonis branch of the Oromocot River.

1425: W-42: WRIGHT-McNITT:- Am compiling an account of the descendants of Alvin Wright, b. Vermont, April 21, 1787, who married Patty Martha McNitt. Want ancestry of Alvin Wright.

1426: W-42: CARMAN-CRITCHETT:- Salisbury Carman, born Queen Anne's Co., Maryland 1790, married Ann Critchett, b. Maryland, 1791. Want ancestry of both.

1427: T-15: BUNKER-GODFREY:- Was George Bunker the original immigrant? If so, when did he arrive? Did he m. Jane Godfrey in 1645 in England or America? He d. at Ipswich, Mass., May 16, 1658. Who were the parents of Jane Godfrey?

## NOTES OF THE SOCIETY

We proudly report that our Lucy Mary Kellogg made second highest grade in the class at the Institute in Genealogical Research at Washington, D.C. in June. We hope some of that 'larnin' will percolate down through to some of the rest of us. . . Our new member, Mr. Edward H. Campbell of Toledo visited Burton last May and met at least one of the home folks. Mr. C. has that problem of many Tennessee and Kentucky scions. He can't get his Taylors and Campbells back over the mountains into Virginia. . . As always Mr. Ashley of Flint brought us several news items when attending the picnic in June. He had seen Col. Ireland at the library in Lansing. He also had met our Edwin C. Hill in Indianapolis and saw with his own eyes that enormous Hill card catalog. . . Mrs. John Gonseth of Clayton, New York is historian of the Harris Family Reunion which met at Lake George this summer for the 31st time. . . Mrs. N. D. Potter of Pinckney, who assembled the Rose material in the February Magazine, reports that Mrs. Albion B. Wilson of Hartford, Conn., will complete her husband's work on the Rose family, which begins with Robert and Margery Rose, immigrants of 1634.

Robert Beavis, son of Clarence L. Beavis and the late Marjoria Beavis married Marilyn Jane Davis, daughter of Jack Davis on August 23rd. . . On July 10, Edna Olds lost her brother Frank W. Olds with whom she lived. . . Dwight T. Randall, husband of our member Myrtle Randall, died August 19th. . . Dr. Bertha VanHoosen, author of Petticoat Surgeon, lecturer before our society and aunt of our member Sarah VanHoosen Jones, died June 7, 1952 at Stony Creek. . .

Prof. Norman Anning has retired from his teaching at the University of Michigan and the Annings will move to the west coast. . . Member Arthur E. Gordon, Recorder's Judge, retired from the bench on August 15th. . . According to the Ann Arbor News, our member Dr. Frank E. Robbins, assistant to the president of the University of Michigan, has a variety of hobbies besides that of searching out Bygod, immigrant ancestor of 1630. He also paints, collects stamps and reads detective stories. . . Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Bruer, the Annings and Mrs. Hebb recently made us welcome gifts of back magazines.

A recent item in the Detroit newspapers tell of a work bee, which turned out citizens of the Village of Warren, Michigan, to restore the graves of one of the oldest of Macomb County cemeteries. The inscriptions on the stones in this cemetery were copied by the Research Committee of this Society as one of its very first projects in 1937. . . Our new member, Walter F. Wright, has had a long and varied experience in the automotive industry and in government. He was associated with Chrysler and was vice-president of Graham-Paige. During World War II he was regional director of the War Production Board. Genealogically speaking he is working on Wright, McNitt, Corman, Critchett, Myers and Ridinger families and has compiled some folders on them. See Queries for some of his problems still unsolved. . . New member Almen, who has been spending many hours in Burton this summer before returning to California, has been aided by Mr. Almen and his Contura. This little gadget no larger than the average camera, photographs pages of books in quick succession. How we envied the Almens! . .

We have been especially interested of late by the reports coming in of smaller genealogical groups all over the country. It brings back to us not only remembrance of our beginnings but a sharp appreciation of the difficulties of starting an organization. Mrs. William Irvine reports on the Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon organized six years ago with three members and now grown to over fifty members. This last year they got out a monthly bulletin, an interesting sheet with announcements and reports of the names of ancestors of members. These ancestral names are presented by a most ingenious numbering system, which we hope to tell you of later. The chief problem of this group is to get materials and books for research and meetings are devoted mainly to study in books they are able to borrow from state libraries and other lending libraries. Here is a place, dear friends, where genealogical books and manuscripts would be highly appreciated.

**REPORT OF MEETING** The picnic meeting of June 14th was held in and around the new and charming home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Fox in Oak Park. While the Eisenhour parade fouled up the bus lines and kept a few of our members at home, a goodly crowd managed to get there. The chef, Mr. Fox, dispensed the hot dogs from the barbecue in the back yard. Diners supplemented the diet with the great abundance of good things that came in many baskets. Several of our out-of-town members gave short talks at the business meeting. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Fox for your warm hospitality!

